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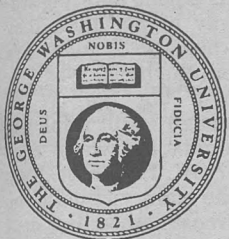
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Residents target ORL for forced moving ire

BY PATRICK PRESTON
HATCHET REPORTER

Mitchell Hall Resident Director Jerome Offord assumed the role of advisor, devil's advocate and, at times, mediator for several angry students upset with the Office of Residential Life during a meeting Wednesday night in Mitchell Hall.

The majority of students in attendance voiced their displeasure with ORL in regards to their obligation to leave their rooms at the end of the semester, making room for exchange students from the "Semester in D.C." program.

Offord reminded those present that "the University does not set aside space for transfer students. That's common knowledge." He added that all residents affected by the move were not on the guaranteed-housing list, and by signing the lease that indicated the anticipated move they had agreed to move.

While the meeting left students in the same predicament, it did provide answers to numerous concerns. Students also had the opportunity to vent their frustration with ORL's handling of the situation.

Residents said they did not believe that ORL, in particular Assistant Director Paul Barkett, treated those affected in a courteous, timely or truthful manner.

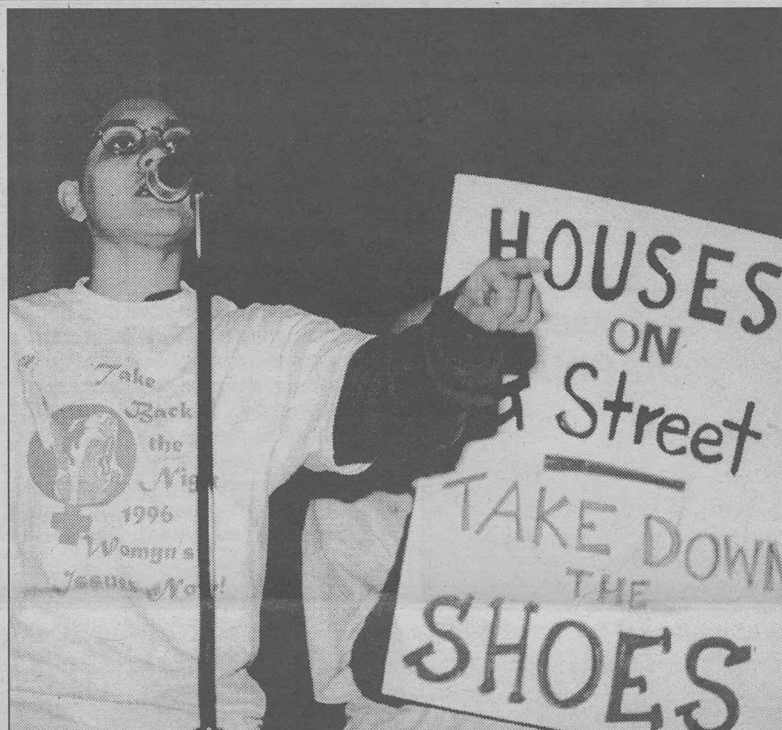
"They gave me the run-around. (Barkett) hung up the phone in my face, and I got no explanation," said junior transfer student Serena Barnes.

Offord responded by saying, "As far as issues with communication, you're dealing with the central office ... I can't respond to your communication issues."

Other complaints about ORL's handling of the move focused on the timeliness of the notification and the moving date, which will take place during the final exam period.

Tempers flared as some residents reminded others that they had signed a contract that required them to leave. Junior

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Jay Crystal/GW Hatchet

More than 50 women told GW fraternities to end the tradition of the 'sneaker trees,' calling the trees a symbol of disrespect toward women.

Men's forum discusses helping assault victims

BY RACHEL JENSEN
HATCHET STAFF WRITER

The Sexual Assault Peer Educators held a new program this year during "Take Back the Night" to help men learn how to react if a victim of sexual assault confides in them.

The program was sponsored by Womyn's Issues Now but was designed exclusively for men.

Also in attendance were two

men from D.C. Men Against Rape, a local men's group organized for men to "gain awareness and responsibility for stopping rape," said Jonathan Stillerman, a member of the group for several years.

Elizabeth Morris and Jennifer Dille, both GW resident directors, are co-advisors for SAPE, which is a GW-founded group. The program is important, Morris explained, "because it doesn't present sexual

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GW 'takes back the night' for University Women call for campus respect, safety

BY FRANCESCA DI MEGLIO
HATCHET REPORTER

More than 50 GW women decried sexual assault and domestic violence as they marched through Foggy Bottom for Thursday's "Take Back the Night."

"No means no! Yes means yes! Wherever we go, however we dress," the students cried.

Beginning with an open-mic session and rally on the Marvin Center's H Street terrace, members of Womyn's Issues Now called for an end to rape and domestic violence, on campus and around the country.

"Women need to get involved. People need to acknowledge there is a problem. Just because you don't hear about it doesn't mean it doesn't happen," sophomore AnnaLisa Schmidt said.

"The fact that we have to designate a night is symbolic of the state of our society," said sophomore Deema Bayrakdar.

Paula McKenzie, a women's rights advocate and member of the GW community, reported that one out of every four women will be raped in their lifetime and 90 percent of those raped will be the victim of someone they know.

McKenzie suggested that women get self-defense training and unite to stop violence. She was joined by a representative from the D.C. Rape Crisis Center, which provides free counseling for victims of rape and their friends and families.

Members from the Sexual

Assault Peer Educators (SAPE) advertised their programs promoting the education and dissemination of information about sexual assault.

Along with reading poetry and singing songs, members of WIN made many demands of the GW community, including more lights on campus, easier access to rape statistics, better counseling and a women's center.

Violence against women "is a problem that is overlooked. GW boasts zero instances of rape," Schmidt said. "On the average college campus a woman is raped every 21 hours. So far, though, there is no rape at GW simply because GW females are not all raped directly in GW buildings. We need more protection. GW needs to clearly mark their boundaries regarding what is on campus and what is not. Women should be able to look to GW to help victims."

The women also demanded a change in the practice of hanging sneakers from the trees near GW fraternity houses on G Street. According to the members of WIN, the sneakers represent every time two brothers have had sex with the same woman.

One member of WIN shouted, "If you really want to call yourselves brothers, you will stop disrespecting women."

At one point while the women were marching down G Street they shouted at various fraternity brothers standing outside their houses.

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Students dissatisfied with election choices Survey shows some didn't vote because of ballot hassles; others cited negative media

BY WILLIAM DAVIS
HATCHET STAFF WRITER

One-third of GW students surveyed Thursday said they did not vote in the Nov. 5 elections.

Although this number is substantially lower than nationwide figures, many students said difficulty in obtaining absentee ballots, the lack of adequate candidates to choose from and general apathy kept them from participating.

The majority of those who chose not to vote said it was a civic duty to vote, yet 77 percent of them felt their participation did not matter.

Many said choosing a president from among incumbent President Clinton, Robert Dole and Ross Perot left much to be desired.

"I didn't vote because I didn't especially care for any of the candidates. So I probably will never vote until a candidate comes along that I can support," said a GW student who asked not to be identified.

Many of those who did vote said the choices were inadequate.

"Even though I voted for Clinton, I somehow felt uneasy pangs in my stomach when it was announced that he actually won the election," said one student. "I felt that neither presiden-

tial candidate was a good one, but I voted for Clinton because Dole was clearly dwelling on his past glory to get elected ... I wish there had been more choices in this year's election. No wonder voter turnout was so low."

Among those surveyed who did vote, 31 percent felt their participation in the elections did not matter.

Others who voted, such as GW student Amy Caplan, placed the blame for the disillusioned electorate on the media. "I think that the media and the fact that it has been making predictions

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Triple Bulls Shot

J Street and b-ball: just like Roman bread & circus

Back in the day, Roman emperors would use "bread and circus" tactics to subdue the unruly masses. Cheaper food prices would prevent bread riots, and trips to the coliseum to see Christians get eaten by lions would make the people happy enough to keep them from rising up against the powers that were ... and Spartacus would have to wait for his day in the sun.

Bread and circus methods were an easy and painless way to draw the masses' attention away from the important issues at hand and lead them into complacency. GW has learned to do the same thing.

The infamous J Street renovation two years ago not only raised the eating morale of the students, but also serves as an effective recruiting tool: "And look at this: The Marvin Center has a food court just like a mall!" But the bread part of the policy has backfired just a little bit. The consensus has been that you would think a cafeteria that looks so nice would actually be able to serve good food at reasonable prices. Also, why do they call that slime in plastic cups Chinese food?

The circus in the GW scenario would be the men's basketball

team. Ever since head coach Mike Jarvis arrived on the scene a couple of years ago, GW basketball



Erik Schelzig

has gone from being one of the worst programs in the entire NCAA (including a 1-27 season) to being one of the more competitive teams around.

Along with three trips to the NCAA Tournament, and the highly touted "Sweet 16" appearance of 1993, GW students have become increasingly involved in following the once-pathetic team on a regular basis. On Friday, more than 2,000 fans trudged their way to the Smith Center through wind and weather to see GW barely squeak past Court Authority, a group of balding former college players, in an exhibition game overtime thriller.

The University's increasing academic reputation since the advent of GW as a basketball school has been uncanny. Name recognition of our trusty GW is at an all-time high, as evidenced by our recent top 50 appearance in *U.S. News and World Report*. It can be argued whether GW's recent good fortune has been tied more or less to the concurrent quality of its basketball program.

I would argue more than less.

I've been at GW since 1993 and have not felt any major changes in how the school is run or how classes are taught. Facilities haven't changed much, either. The e-mail system is still a mess, as CIRC's sub-standard e-mail system still doesn't support graphics-based Web browsers; the dorms still don't have cable; and GW radio is nothing short of a faintly crackling joke that's only heard a few places on campus. And, to top it all off, tuition hikes plague the weary student year in and year out.

The determining big moves during recent years, therefore, have been to renovate the cafeteria

and to revitalize the basketball program - bread and circus methods that have landed GW a spot in the top 50.

But I'm not going to complain. Since I've been at GW, I have ridden the wave of the reputational surge. I'm not sure I could get into GW if I were applying as an undergraduate now - SAT scores and average GPAs among entering students are way higher than they were back then. So I guess I've benefited from the hype.

I'm also a big fan of the Colonials (though I still think the name is stupid). So where does that put me? OK, I admit it, I am one among the many victims of the bread and circus method. But next time, just hold the bread.

...

And oh yeah, in other late-breaking pay-per-view news, what was up with the post-fight conference of the Tyson-Holyfield bout Saturday night? From these two guys' comments you wouldn't think this was a boxing match - you'd say it was a *jihad*. "By the glory of Allah," said one; "I believe in Jesus," said the other. Since when did beating the crap out of one another in the squared circle become a religious issue? And if one had placed so much faith in the divine guidance in winning the fight, would he have lost his faith if he had lost?

I just think boxing should go back to its old circus form. The participants can just keep their theological leanings to themselves.

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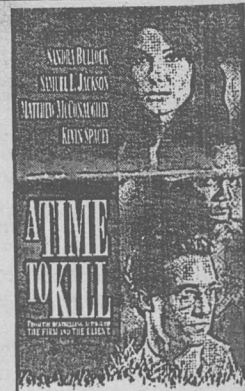
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Fraternities ineligible to seek liquor licenses

BY KEVIN ECKSTROM
SENIOR NEWS EDITOR

An amendment attached to pending D.C. City Council legislation that would prohibit fraternities from obtaining liquor licenses is causing confusion in Foggy Bottom as University administrators and students examine how the bill might affect GW's Greek-letter community.

As a matter of both GW and fraternity policy, however, no fraternities are allowed to seek the licenses and have never tried to do so in the past.

"We don't really know how that type of policy would affect us," said Marcie Tucker, GW's coordinator of Greek Affairs. "Typically we don't want fraternities in the business of serving alcohol."

The amendment is sponsored by Ward 2 Councilmember Jack Evans.

Tucker said if a fraternity wanted to have a party and serve alcohol, most often the members would contract a third-party vendor for the alcohol or sponsor a "B.Y.O.B." (Bring Your Own Beer) party.

"Most national (fraternity organizations) and our own fraternity policy prohibits" fraternities from seeking liquor licenses, Tucker said.

The legislation stems from a social club in Dupont Circle that sought a permanent liquor license. The club, owned by Helyn H. Leonards, has caused tension with neighbors, who complained of littered wine bottles and excess trash and traffic from club events.

Leonards appealed to Ward 6

Councilmember Harold Brazil to apply for the permit. Brazil agreed and sponsored the legislation, saying the new law would save small businesses money by allowing them to buy the \$1,500-a-year permit, as opposed to several daily permits costing as much as \$100 to \$200 each.

While the bill was being debated in the Committee on Consumer and Regulatory Affairs, Evans tacked on the amendment regarding fraternities and sororities.

Evans' chief of staff, John Ralls, said the amendment was a move to mute criticism from permanent residents before they had a chance to complain.

"The councilman thought that these complaints might be used to defeat the bill" if the amendment had not been added, Ralls said. "Most fraternities wouldn't be able to apply for these licenses in the first place."

GW Interfraternity Council Vice President of Communications Scott Feinman said the new law would not affect GW fraternities because they belong to the Fraternity Insurance Purchasing Group, which stipulates that fraternities must market parties as B.Y.O.B. or contract a third-party vendor.

FIPG protects fraternities from being sued for liability for alcohol-related injuries or accidents as long as they do not serve the alcohol.

"We're not allowed to serve alcohol anyway, so we don't really see this affecting us in any way," Feinman said.

Grisham to read at Oxfam fund-raiser

Internationally known, best-selling author John Grisham will join writers Rita Dove and Bill Shore to read from their respective works and raise funds for Oxfam America.

A large crowd is expected to hear Grisham, the author of *The Firm*, *A Time to Kill* and *The Client*, all recent movie releases.

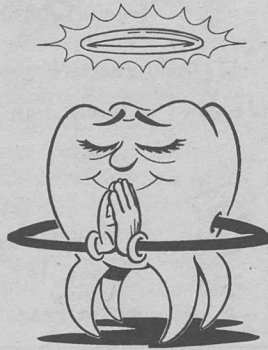
The literary affair, "A Writer's Harvest," will be held from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Nov. 14 at the Western Presbyterian Church on 23rd Street, N.W., between G and H streets.

Oxfam decided to hold the event in the church rather than on campus because it couldn't find a room big enough at GW to hold the expected number of attendees.

The cost of admission for students is \$5. Proceeds will benefit Oxfam, an organization that seeks to raise awareness of hunger and starvation worldwide and help feed victims of hunger.

The GW Board of Chaplains, the Program Board and the Newman Center are sponsoring the program.
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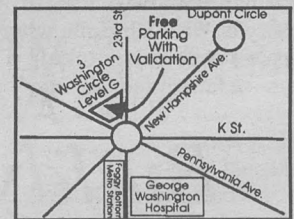


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Not ready to rumble

Unless you live in a cave underneath the Marvin Center, you probably know basketball season started this past weekend. Nothing brings together the GW community like a good game at the Smith Center, and this season both the men's and women's teams have tough, exciting schedules and promising outlooks.

But the GW band doesn't seem as excited about the season, judging from the dirge-like tempo it has yet again chosen for its rendition of the "Buff and Blue." From what we gather, the band doesn't want to play our fight song too fast – because then the cheerleaders won't be able to do their accompanying dance routine.

Obviously, somewhere along the way the band leadership forgot why the group plays its Smith Center gigs in the first place – for the fans. If the cheerleaders can't dance to the pepped-up "Buff and Blue," then maybe they should change their routine so they can. The band and the cheerleaders are there first and foremost to serve the crowd. They are not there to serve each other.

While we're on the subject, rumor has it that the band once again has the infamous "Hey!" in their repertoire. So why not break it out and play it? Last year, we were told the Smith Center management banned the song. But they couldn't stop the fans from singing it during every timeout.

Believe it or not, intimidation is actually a good thing when it comes to college basketball. Players such as Massachusetts guards Carmelo Travieso and Edgar Padilla say the Smith Center is the roughest place they've ever had to play. We can be proud of that.

The Smith Center says it doesn't want any "unsportsmanlike" conduct from the fans. Apparently they consider just yelling at the ref to be unsportsmanlike. We'd like to see how they'd handle working at the University of West Virginia, where a mob of football fans recently tried to overturn an ambulance taking a visiting player to the hospital. Lighten up, guys – a few rounds of "Hey!" aren't going to hurt anyone. So let's hear it.

Buddy system

At the Aberdeen Proving Ground, an Army base in northern Maryland, women are having trouble being all they can be. For one thing, they can't be anywhere on the base without another female soldier. Apparently, that's what speaking up for your rights gets you.

More than 100 complaints of sexual harassment in the Army have been received in recent days, and half of them were at Aberdeen. The women say they have been raped and sodomized by their drill sergeants, who sometimes threatened them with poor progress reports if they didn't consent to sex. So to protect women recruits, the base is requiring them to stay with another woman at all times.

First of all, it's absolutely ridiculous that this type of thing is going on in the military at all. Women have only begun to establish themselves as equals in our armed forces. This is a terrible setback for that effort.

Moreover, recruits are supposed to be able to trust their lives to the commanding officer, and in return the officer demands – and gets – complete loyalty. Now a few sexist, power-hungry officers have perverted this trust and loyalty.

And the women are the ones being punished for it. They are the ones who have to change their lifestyles, who have to live in fear all the time they are on base and who do not have the freedom to walk alone.

What's worse, the Army said the "buddy system" decree was as much to protect male officers from further accusations as it was to protect the women – insinuating that it already believes some of the accusations are false, even though investigations haven't been completed. Such subtle sexism hasn't gone unnoticed, and it shouldn't be tolerated.

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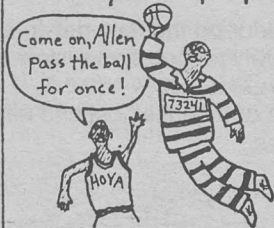
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GW needs to do more to support womyn's fight against oppression

Due to events occurring (or not occurring) on this campus over the last few weeks, we have come to view this school in a new way. GW does not support womyn and their struggle to fight against oppression.

Although we applaud the fact that there have been two events in the last two weeks that bring about awareness of womyn and their rights, the overall feeling of misogyny on campus cannot be ignored.

The first drastic and appalling event of our recollection on this subject was the Richie Parker debacle. We were so sickened to find out that this University would even think to recruit a sexual offender just for the betterment of the basketball team – let alone dare to recruit Mr. Parker during the summer session, when the majority of the students were away from campus and unable to voice their opinions.

We then began to notice the overall lack of support for womyn. Most universities, even the most conservative, have womyn's centers for support and counseling as well as encouragement and empowerment. In addition, although we certainly applaud and support Womyn's Issues Now (WIN), most colleges have more than one womyn's group on campus and sufficient money is given to help them fight for womyn's rights.

Two weeks ago, we attended the Issues Awareness Night, where Katie Koestner discussed the horrors of acquaintance rape. After her chilling tale, the audience was invited to ask questions. Angela Arboleda, an active member of Womyn's Issues Now, confronted a University Police officer and a representative from the University Counseling Center about the lack of support for womyn who have been raped on GW's campus. She pointed out that for the past few years, there have been no reported rapes. Because this is such an obvi-

ous and atrocious falsity, Arboleda questioned the efforts of the counseling center and the UPD to urge rape survivors to report their assault.

In addition, the question was raised: What is the school's policy on sexual assault? Obviously, there is a problem on campus if womyn are not aware of the rape policy. After reading it, however, it certainly leaves something to be desired. Namely, real sanctions. How many students are aware that the recommended minimum sanc-

Claire Decoteau
Kristiné Hansen

tion for a confirmed rapist on campus is the same as for a confirmed sexual harasser? The sanction is a one-year suspension and eviction from the residence halls or University-owned housing. Kind of ironic that Richie Parker, a convicted sexual offender, would most likely have been offered on-campus housing had he attended GW.

That shows the lack of strength of the University's convictions. There should be one sanction – expulsion combined with a flag on the rapist's permanent records. After speaking with Koestner after the discussion, we found out that when she asked to teach a class on how to create a strict rape policy, she was turned down by the University. She said this was the first time a school has ever denied her willingness to share her expertise in this area.

After recently attending both the Issues Awareness Night and the Take Back the Night rally, we noted that no trustees, deans or any administrators attended these events. And although there were officer escorts from both UPD and Metropolitan Police, no member of either department joined in our

efforts to promote safety for womyn.

We commend the efforts of the campus to bring issues like date rape to public awareness. However, in order to have the Issues Awareness Night, the Student Association cut funding from WIN's Take Back the Night Rally. It's as if two events concerning womyn's rights are seen as excessive in some way.

Last month, one of us traveled to George Mason University to take part in their Clothesline Project. This was a school-based chapter of the national Clothesline Project, which portrays shirts created by womyn who have been sexually assaulted, emotionally or physically, by strangers, friends and "loved" ones. George Mason's Clothesline Project was part of a womyn against violence week that included a Take Back the Night Rally and various speakers on womyn's issues. While speaking with one of the facilitators of the week's events, she said, "GW certainly must have its own Clothesline Project through your womyn's center." Ashamed and hurt, I had to tell her no.

So, why doesn't GW have its own Clothesline Project? Why doesn't it have a womyn's center and more than one womyn's group that the University supports financially and emotionally? Why didn't GW recognize October as Womyn Against Domestic Violence month? Why is money being taken from our only womyn's group on campus? Why did we recruit a rapist to the school? Why don't we have a stricter sexual assault policy on campus? Why are there no reported rapes on this campus when one quarter of college womyn today suffer from rape or attempted rape? Why doesn't GW care about womyn?

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OPINION

Clinton's nuclear policy has no regard for our national security

Now that the election is over and the public has overwhelmingly elected Bill Clinton, what is in store for our nuclear arsenal and the national security that it protects? President Clinton, with his blind obsession with arms control, appeasement to foreign powers and disregard for a safe and reliable nuclear deterrent, has allowed our nuclear forces to waste away.

The threats that the United States faces now and in the future are numerous. Russia, our long-lost enemy of the Cold War, is slow to turn to friendship. Twenty-six ballistic missile tests since the end of the Cold War are not the acts of a country looking for a harmonious relationship. Russia has fully funded its nuclear fleet —

this includes modernization programs, nuclear testing, expansion of its civil defense system and hardening of its underground blast shelters.

China has already threatened nuclear strikes on Los Angeles if the United States meddles in its affairs with Taiwan. A host of other countries are manufacturing and modernizing their own nuclear weapons. The U.S. nuclear modernization program, on the other hand, is constrained by self-imposed handcuffs.

Arms control is supposed to enhance national security, not compromise it. But President Clinton and his cronies have tried to negotiate, sign and ratify arms control agreements that are placing the United States in a position of strategic inferiority. The most recent example of this is the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty. Because it is impossible to detect nuclear tests, foreign powers will be able to circumvent their treaty obligations.

However, the United States, with its strict adherence to the treaty, will be unable to modernize its nuclear forces at a time when it is most crucial.

Appeasing foreign powers is another of President Clinton's most-used foreign policy tactics. The second Strategic Arms Reduction Treaty (START II) best highlights Clinton's appeasement. During negotiations, the Clinton administration allowed

Russia to insert language into the treaty that allows the export of ballistic missile technology under the guise of space launch vehicles. In effect, the treaty allows the proliferation of Russia's heavy missiles, while the United States has to destroy its most powerful weapons.

Now Clinton wants to begin negotiations on a START III agreement even though Russia has not yet ratified START II.

U.S. nuclear strategy, if Clinton has one, is supposed to be to deter foreign powers and limit damage to the United States if deterrence fails. In the last four years, Clinton has eroded this strategy.

The next four years will undoubtedly see the continuation of President Clinton's unilateral disarmament of our nation. Clinton, unless checked, will gamble away America's future on arms control. Luckily, the public gave us that check on his power in the form of a Republican Congress. We will need members of Congress to exercise strong leadership to defend our national security. If Clinton's "denuclearization" of our nation continues, it will lead us down the road to weakness and ultimately war.

—Brandon Wales is a sophomore majoring in political science.

Brandon
Wales

Bosnia plans bring back memories of Vietnam's mistakes

The one-year deadline that President Clinton set for the exit of American troops from the Balkans is soon approaching. Yet instead of preparing to pull U.S. forces out as promised, the Clinton administration recently announced that it has extended the time that troops will remain stationed in Bosnia. It was hoped that after the debacle in Vietnam, American policy-makers would have learned their lesson. Apparently this is not the case.

One of the most important lessons of Vietnam was that when an administration commits U.S. forces into a hostile location, certain criteria must be met. First, our national security interests must be generally defined so as to determine whether they are at risk. Second, there must be a defined

set of goals before troop deployment, so U.S. forces will not be faced with "mission creep," a confusion as to what the troops' exact purpose is.

Third, an exit strategy and a broad timetable should be developed and be in place for execution. Fourth, there should be a reasonable amount of support for the intervention by Congress and the American people. Finally, but perhaps most importantly, force should be used as an absolute last resort. Diplomacy and other means should be given a full chance to work. It is disturbing to note the Clinton administration's lack of adherence to these lessons of history.

During the debate last year over whether to commit U.S. troops to Bosnia, administration officials never fully explained what our interests were in the region. Some officials claimed that forces were needed to prevent the conflict from spreading to the rest of the Balkans and beyond. Others claimed that we had to thwart the efforts of Islamic fundamentalists and Slavic nationalists to gain influence in the area. Then there were those who said the United States had a moral obligation to stop the organized and widespread slaughter of Muslim civilians.

The U.S. forces' mission is a murky issue. Their job is not peacekeeping, but rather peacemaking. The first implies that the warring factions have agreed to foreign intervention and have already established some sort of peace agreement among themselves. The latter suggests that it is the responsibility of the intervening party to bring the adversaries to the negotiating table. It could result in the intervening force being drawn into the fighting. This is exactly what

happened in Somalia and what was occurring in the beginning of the Bosnia mission.

The original plan was to keep U.S. forces in the area for roughly a year — meaning that they would be leaving within a few months from now. But officials now say U.S. forces may stay in Bosnia until the spring. Their mission will be to continue rebuilding the Bosnian infrastructure. They will also be acting as a police force and guardian of the new Western-sponsored scheme of a rotating presidency among three "freely" elected, nationalist ethnic leaders — a Bosnian Serb, a Bosnian Croat and a Muslim. Apparently,

U.S. forces will remain engaged until the fledgling government can effectively establish its authority and legitimacy. If that takes longer than

the present spring deadline, expect to see a new extension of troop deployment.

There was never a large amount of support for deployment of troops. Public opinion was mostly against the introduction of U.S. forces. The Republican-controlled Congress was also opposed to U.S. intervention in the region. Presently, it seems as if most Americans don't realize that U.S. troops are still in the Balkans. National attention is no longer focused on what happens in some far-off place, but on election-year politics and domestic concerns. It is unclear what current popular opinion on the continued involvement of U.S. troops is.

The Clinton administration's policy toward the Balkans is unclear, if not non-existent. It has veered from its original stance of prosecuting war criminals to now accepting those same leaders as legitimate rulers. In the recent presidential elections, several thousand more Bosnians voted than were eligible. The U.S.-European response to this obvious election fraud? They simply raised the number of eligible voters after the election had taken place. So much for democracy's cornerstone of "one person, one vote."

In the 1960s, the U.S. involvement and mission in Vietnam expanded from a few thousand advisors to half a million combatants. Policy and objectives became hazier as the months and years dragged on and the body bags piled up. Perhaps the Clinton foreign policy team should take a field trip down Constitution Avenue and look at that long black wall with its thousands of names. That is what happens when policy and objectives are unclear.

—Helder Gil is circulation manager of The GW Hatchet.

Helder
Gil

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Be aware of hunger

Thanksgiving is coming soon and many of us will have the opportunity to eat to our heart's delight. But many of us won't. The problem of hunger in the world is so pervasive that, although the world produces two pounds of grain for every woman, man and child, still every day 60,000 people die from hunger and related diseases.

But fighting hunger takes more than knowing the facts, it takes long-term solutions. This year's Hunger Awareness Week, which takes place Nov. 14-22, provides GW students, faculty and staff the opportunity to actually do something about hunger. A variety of speakers and programs will be sponsored by a number of student organizations all week long and you are encouraged to participate and learn all you can. Look for posters all around campus.

Hunger Awareness Week will include the Annual Oxfam Fast for a World Harvest on Thursday, Nov. 21 (the Thursday before Thanksgiving). This is the best part, and here's what you can do: Everyone on campus is invited to fast for the entire day and donate what they would have spent on food to Oxfam America. You can do this a number of ways.

- Sign off your meal card if you're on the meal plan — sign ups are taking place in the residence halls or stop by the Neighbors' Project (ground floor, Marvin Center).

- GW Faculty: "Match your Meal" at the University Club by giving to Oxfam what you just spent for lunch with that colleague. Tables for these donations will be set up at the Club.

- Fast on your own and drop off a donation at the Neighbors' Project or the Board of Chaplains office (next to the deli on G Street).

- Use your points at the Marvin Center store and buy some cans of food that we'll donate to a local shelter.

And finally, everyone is invited to attend a hunger banquet that dramatizes the inequity of food distribution worldwide. This year GW students can participate in two banquets, one on Capitol Hill from 12 to 2 p.m. or here at GW in the University Club at 6 p.m. For more information, call the Board of Chaplains at 676-6434.

Oxfam America believes in change by working in partnership with poor people around the world, helping them build long-term food and economic security. GW can be a part of this change during Hunger Awareness Week. This year, make Thanksgiving mean something

more ... fast for change.

—Rev. Lauren E. Smith
GW Board of Chaplains

All wet

I wanted to express my concerns regarding the coverage given to the GW swim team. It was very upsetting, not only to myself but also to other members of the team, to find Monday's issue of The GW Hatchet lacking an article about swimming in the sports section.

Instead of calling your office and complaining, we assumed that The Hatchet would not forget about us and that an article would be in Thursday's issue. Unfortunately, we were wrong.

Our victorious season opener — which included personal bests from a number of swimmers, a parents' relay and bleachers filled with supporters — went unnoticed.

It amazes me that a month ago The Hatchet was so eager to talk to some of us and our coach regarding the hazing incident ("Swim team rocked by hazing charges," The GW Hatchet, Sept. 26, front page) and satirized the incident in a cartoon (Oct. 7). Now that there is no scandal, are we not deserving of recognition for our hard work?

—Megan Stimpfle
junior

Economist discusses need for Asian job growth

Nobel laureate sees financial markets as a 'cat fight' for investments

BY SHARI KAGAN
HATCHET REPORTER

Nobel laureate Dr. Robert Solow lectured on the economies of Asia and Europe Nov. 6 in Lisner Auditorium.

A prize-winner in economics for

his growth theory, Solow spoke on the topic of "Tigers and Pussycats: Sources of Growth in Asia and Europe."

The "tigers" are composed of the four southeast Asian countries of Hong Kong, Korea, Singapore and Taiwan, Solow said, while the

"pussycats" include France and Germany.

Solow emphasized that "the contrast between the tigers and pussycats was the result of growth - or rather, the potential output of those specific countries."

Solow explained that "when an

economy is recovering from a recession, year-to-year growth will be faster." This is why the tigers' productivity rate has increased so rapidly, he said.

When the need for growth is essential, he suggested, "countries need to increase their job availability and productivity."

"The tigers are attracting large amounts of international investments that cannot be produced in any other countries," he said, which creates a rapid increase in their capital intensity.

Conversely, the pussycats are trying to catch up to the productivity of the United States.

Solow added that "they have barriers to their efficiency due to zoning, hours of operation and limitations in banking structures."

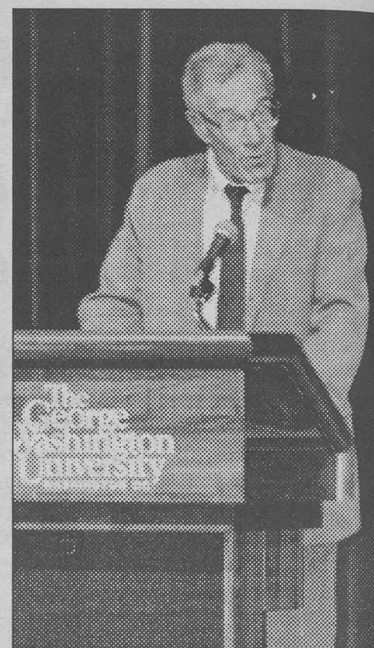
France and Germany blame the labor market for low productivity. With the barriers and restrictions set up by the labor market, it is no wonder the tigers' economy far surpasses them, Solow said.

More than 300 people gathered in Lisner Auditorium to hear the lecture. Many lined up to ask questions when Solow finished.

One key issue addressed was what European countries have to do to bring back competition within the United States.

Solow replied that "the Europeans need to make their labor markets more effective. They need to offer more job security, which is the route to productive efficiency."

The United States' productivity



Dave Flintzen/Photo Editor
Nobel laureate Robert Solow

growth is slowing down and the tigers are taking advantage of that, Solow said. He suggested that "our objective should be growth-oriented toward the improvement of domestic productivity."

Solow is a professor at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, as well as president of the American Economics Association and Econometric Society. He is a member of the National Science Board.

His lecture was part of a series organized by the Institute for Global Management and Research, established by GW.

Do This!

November 11-17

GW'S WEEKLY CALENDAR

"Do This!" submissions are due by Noon on the Wednesday preceding publication they can be dropped off at Marvin Center 427. We reserve the right to limit each office to three submissions per week.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 11

AIIESEC-GW, General Meeting. Marvin Center 402, 8:30 PM. Info? Contact Suzanne at 994-4885.

CAREER CENTER, Employer Information Session: Cambridge Technology Partners. Marvin Center 403, 6:30-7:30 PM. Southwest Research Institute. Marvin Center 404, 6:00-7:30 PM. Info? Contact Jon at 994-6495.

HILLEL, Hallal and Kosher. Marvin Center 413, 8:00 PM. Info? Contact Rabbi Gerry at 296-8873.

SNAP, Phone Calling Session: Help Recruit GW Students. Visitor Center, 7:00-9:00 PM. Info? Contact Andrea or Rob at 994-0432.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 12

CAREER CENTER, Employer Information Session: World Teach. Marvin Center 415, 5:00-6:00 PM. Info? Contact Jon at 994-6495.

JEWISH POLITICAL FORUM, Elections results Discussion. 2300 H Street, 8:30 PM. Info? Contact Rob at 676-2587.

GW SAILING CLUB, Information Meeting. Marvin Center 411, 9:00 PM.

MUSIC DEPARTMENT, University Wind Ensemble Fall Concert. Lisner Auditorium (free), 7:30 PM. Info? Contact Jessica at 994-6245.

SBPM ALUMNI ASSOCIATION, Post Election Forum with Professor Susan Tolchin. University Club, Elliot Room, 6:30-7:30 PM, RSVP. Info? Contact Jennifer at 994-6438.

SNAP, Phone Calling Session: Help Recruit GW Students. Visitor Center, 7:00-9:00 PM. Info? Contact Andrea or Rob at 994-0432.

STUDY ABROAD, "Second Step" Advising Session. Stuart Hall 104, 2:30 PM. Info? Contact Alissa at 994-1649.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 13

AMERICAN MEDICAL STUDENT ASSOCIATION, General Meeting. Marvin Center 405, 7:00 PM. Info? Contact Baran at 703-593-4357.

CAREER CENTER, Employer Information Session: Ford Credit. Academic Center T-509, 6:30-8:00 PM. Info? Contact Karen at 994-6495.

ELLIOT SCHOOL OF INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS, ESIA "The New Congress: Implications for U.S. Foreign Policy", Brown Bag Lunch. Stuart Hall 103, 12:00-1:00 PM. Info? Contacts Kari at 994-4876.

EMES, Rabbi Teitelbaum's Class. 2300 H Street, 7:45 PM. Info? Contact Mathew at 994-9527.

HILLEL, (JUMP & SAFI), Comedy Night. 2300 H Street, 8:00 PM. Info? Contact Dori at 994-9514.

UNIVERSITY COUNSELING CENTER, Academic Success Series, "Understand Your Textbooks". 2033 K Street, suite 330, 4:10-5:30 PM. Info? Contact Anne at 994-5300.

YOUNG ALUMNI, Council Meeting. 6:30-8:00 PM. Info? Contact Keith at 994-4997.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 14

BLACK BUSINESS ASSOCIATION, BBA Movie Ticket Raffle, Marvin Center Ground Floor, 11:00 AM-3:00 PM. Info? Contact James at 301-599-8945.

CAREER CENTER, Cooperative Education Orientation. Academic Center T-509, 4:00-5:00 PM. Employment Information Session: Quad Graphics. Marvin Center 410, 7:00-8:30 PM. Info? Contact Jon at 994-6495.

LESBIAN GAY BISEXUAL ALLIANCE, Weekly Meeting. Marvin Center 411, 9:00 PM. Info? Contact Sally at 994-7284.

UNIVERSITY COUNSELING CENTER, Partner Loss Support Group. Information Session. 2033 K Street NW, 3:00 PM. Info? Contact Anne or Brian at 994-5300.

WORD UP! Bible Study. Strong Hall Piano Lounge, 7:30-9:30 PM. Info? Contact Lindsay at 676-2376.

YOUNG ALUMNI, Colonial Tailgaters Reception. Alumni House, 6:00-7:30 PM. Info? Contact Keith at 994-4997.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 15

AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL, Human Rights in Indonesia, Riverside Cafe 9:00-11:30 PM. Info? Contact Jennifer at 273-3499.

CAREER CENTER, Job Search Strategies Workshop, Academic Center T-509, 11:30 AM-1:00 PM. Info? Contact Jon at 994-6495.

INDIAN STUDENTS ASSOCIATION & PB, Diwali Dinner and Cultural Show, Marvin Center, Ballroom, 7:00-11:30 PM. Info? Contact Anita at 333-0925.

STUDY ABROAD, "Second Step" Advising Session. Stuart Hall 104, 11:30 AM. General Information Session. Stuart Hall 104, 11:00 AM. Info? Contact Alissa at 994-1649.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 16

STUDENT ASSOCIATION, Foggy Bottom Tours. Visitor's Center, 11:30 AM. Info? Contact Emily at 994-7100.



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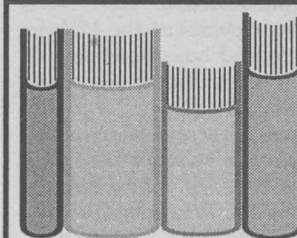
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Students rally to save Tibet's freedom fighters

The Tibetan Freedom Tour, which during the past two months has been seen around the world, visited GW Nov. 7.

Adam Yauch, co-founder of the Milarepa Fund and a member of the Beastie Boys, hosted the event, which took place in the Marvin Center.

Along with Yauch, two Tibetan nuns and a group of GW students who next year hope to start a chapter of Students for a Free Tibet spoke.

The night's events began with an opening prayer by the two nuns in their native language. A short history of Tibet's oppression followed.

The Chinese government overthrew the Tibetan government in 1949. Many Tibetans have tried to overthrow the Chinese government to regain control via non-violent struggles. Their monasteries have been destroyed, and those who have tried to rebel have been tortured.

One of the Tibetan nuns described her experience as she was tortured and beaten for protesting peacefully. She graphically described how she was seized by the Chinese police and taken to jail. She also told of the torture she endured during her time there.

"We have the power to make the change," Yauch said. His Milarepa Fund promotes compassion through educational programs and gives support to organizations and projects that try to preserve



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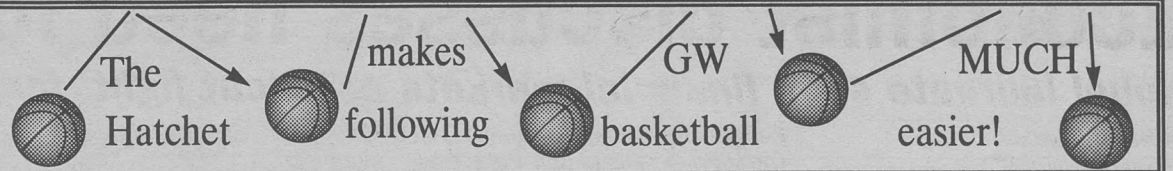
Students rallied for a free Tibet Thursday night.

Tibetan practices.

The Beastie Boys have been raising money for this organization and recording songs that raise awareness since the Milarepa Fund began. According to Yauch, it is a "gathering together with music and celebrating of non-violence."

The program ended with the playing and encore performance of a traditional Tibetan song and dance.

—Carol Capece



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Midnight Oil stuck in creativity rut

BY JUSTIN BERGMAN
HATCHET STAFF WRITER

What happened to Midnight Oil? The alternative Australian band has been together since the late 1970s, but it really burst onto the music scene in the United States about 10 years ago with raw, politically-inspired songs like "Beds are Burning" and "The Dead Heart" from *Diesel and Dust*.

Since then, though, the band has released two subsequent dull and disappointing albums that have barely registered a blip on the Billboard charts. The newest Midnight Oil album, *Breathe* (Work/Sony), shows that the band is still struggling to regain the musical ingenuity and thought-provoking lyrics featured on *Diesel and Dust*.

Breathe has its moments, but the album sorely lacks continuity and a fresh sound throughout. Midnight Oil has always had a problem filling out an album, and it sounds as if *Breathe* contains a few ditties written and performed in five minutes. Even *Diesel and Dust* contained such non-classics as "Arctic World" and "Whoah!"

Where Midnight Oil truly does its best work on the new album, though, is in the upbeat, percussion-laden songs. The opening of the album is promising with the poppy and catchy "Underwater," which sounds more like another Australian export, silverchair, than Midnight Oil. This could be the only breakthrough single from the entire album, though.

Most of the rest of the songs are poorly written ballads, which really do not showcase lead singer Peter Garrett's rough, cracking voice. He is much better suited for more rocking songs such as "Underwater" or "Sins of Omission," which are filled with heavy guitars and a melange of other sounds.

The meandering ballads just weigh down the rest of the album. It is difficult to determine which is worse, Garrett's singing on these songs, or the lyrics: "Where is the town where we lived in brother/Where are the sounds of the church bell sister/Now is the time to heal/You keep running from the wheel/But there's nothing left to feel" (from "Time to Heal"). Probably the most disappointing aspect of this album is the lack of fire and heart that was evident on *Diesel and Dust*. On that album, Midnight Oil attacked issues, such as land rights for aboriginal people and nuclear weapons, and sang passionately about them. On *Breathe*, the band does little passionately. The majority of the songs are one-dimensional and devoid of life. The only place the band experiments with different instruments and sounds is on the brilliant "In the Rain." Too bad the song is only two minutes long. Gone are the dijeridoos and range of percussion that lived up *Diesel and Dust*.

Midnight Oil may never regain the fire and success that enveloped the band in the mid-1980s. It may be relegated forever to the status of a "one-hit wonder." One hopes, however, that Midnight Oil can take the innovation from the few good songs on *Breathe* and write some fresh, new music for a future album — one which is actually complete.

Artists pay Sweet tribute to Vic Chesnut's talents

BY ANNE MILLER
HATCHET STAFF WRITER

The Sweet Relief Musician's Fund helps pay the medical bills of seriously ill musicians, using money received in donations and the proceeds from the sale of Sweet Relief albums.

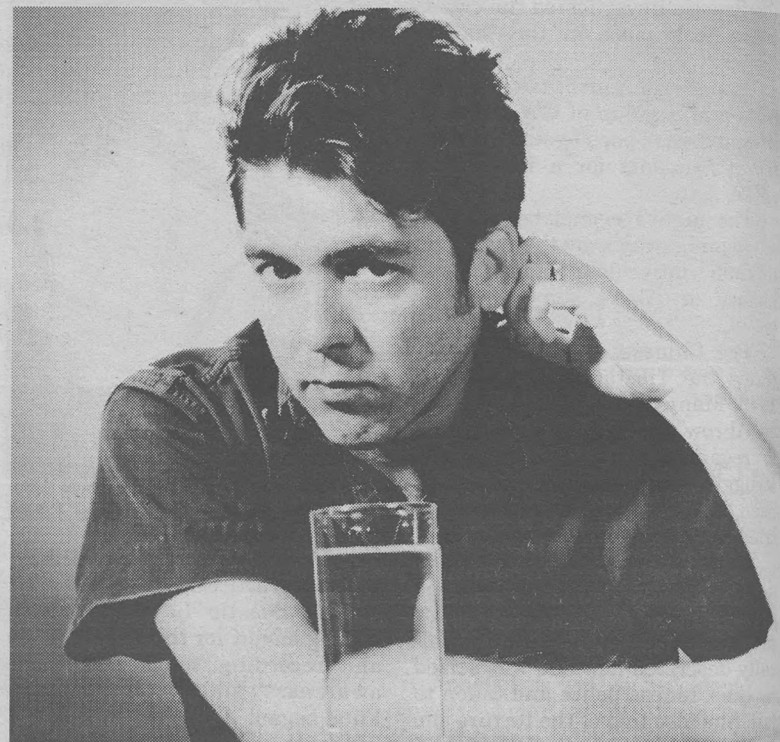
On the first Sweet Relief album, guest artists performed the songs of Victoria Williams, a little-known but much-admired singer/songwriter in the alternative music world. The second effort, *Sweet Relief II: Gravity of the Situation, the Songs of Vic Chesnut* (Columbia), celebrates the songs of another little-known but much-celebrated musician.

The best songs on *Gravity* have dark undertones and sparse music that let Chesnut's plentiful storytelling talents shine through. He writes about troubled times and the forces that often compel people to move on ... and keep on moving.

"Florida," for example, demonstrates the mental block people can develop against a place after having a negative experience there. "Panic Pure" carefully sets a scene of childhood innocence by describing in detail a Fourth of July celebration.

The introductory lines of "Dodge" are another prime example of Chesnut's talent. "So many ghosts on these streets/I always have to ponder what underneath these sheets/Everything is temporary/If I stay here much longer it's going to get very, very scary/It's just the general freak born in me/and I'm terrified what it's going to dislodge" croons Peter Stuart of Dog's Eye View. Stuart's band supports him with a soft acoustical rendering of the song, holding back on the drums and synthesizer almost until the end.

This new rendition of "Dodge" achieves the soft, folksy, mournful tone that the track, "When I Ran Off and Left Her," sung by Nancy Griffith and Hootie and the



Joe Henry joins Madonna for a cover of Vic Chesnut's "Guilty of Association" on *Sweet Relief II*.

Blowfish, tries for and misses.

The lesson of the album seems to be that the more the artists stay true to the basic melody, the better off they are. Kristen Heath, accompanied by just her six string on "Panic Pure," is hauntingly compelling. In comparison, the off-rhythm beat of Sparklehorse's "West of Rome" and the electric instrumental of the "Guilty of Association" duet by Joe Henry and Madonna don't let the soulful lyrics stand out, and they don't work nearly as well.

The exceptions to the rule are the album's first two songs, by Garbage and R.E.M. Garbage's Shirley Manson's vocals are sultry, sexy and dark, illuminating Chesnut's work in its correct light. R.E.M. uses synthesizers and strung-out guitar riffs to the same

magically evocative and desultory effect as the songs on *New Adventures in Hi-Fi*.

Only Williams, who performed a track on her own *Relief* album, and Soul Asylum appear on both discs. Soul Asylum's songs add nothing to either disc. As for Williams, she may be a great songwriter and storyteller, but she can't sing, even filtered through today's production technology.

In their places, it would have been nice to hear what a funky Michelle Shocked or king of pain and depth Lou Reed could have done with one of Chesnut's songs.

Overall, listening to these songs makes one want to buy a Chesnut album — his music is a reprieve from banal lyrics and touching pathos too common in popular music (think Alanis Morissette).

WRGW's Top 20 CDs

No.	Artist	Title (Label)
1.	Cake	Fashion Nugget (Capricorn)
2.	Weezer	Pinkerton (DGC)
3.	Tribe Called Quest	Beats, Rhymes, Life (Jive)
4.	Tool	Aenima (Zoo)
5.	New Bomb Turks	Scared Straight (Epitaph)
6.	Descendents	Everything Sucks (Epitaph)
7.	Chemical Brothers	Setting Sun (Astralworks)
8.	Roots	Illadelph Life (DGC)
9.	Korn	Life is Peachy (Immortal)
10.	The Cardigans	First Band On... (Mercury)
11.	Lemonheads	Car Button Cloth (Tag)
12.	Dink	Blame it on Tito (Capitol)
13.	Bad Brains	Black Dots (Caroline)
14.	Phantom Surfers	Great Surf Crash... (Lookout!)
15.	Ignite	Past Out Means (Revelation)
16.	Earth Crisis	Gommorah Season... (Victory)
17.	Josephine Wiggs...	Bon Bon... (Grand Royal)
18.	Weston	Got Beat Up (Go Kart)
19.	Citizen Fish	Thirst (Lookout!)
20.	Butter 08	Butter (Grand Royal)

for the week ending 11/8

Moe's debut is better than its poor first impression implies

BY BEN OSBORNE
HATCHET STAFF WRITER

If ever there was an argument against trusting your first impression, the debut album from the group Moe is it. *No Doy* (Sony/Columbia) has a disgusting picture on its cover — an overweight man with a screw in his red and purple face. Looking at it, your first reaction may be to vomit.

The album's cover certainly should not deter you from listening to it, but the album's first two songs may. "She Sends Me" and "32 Things" are two unnecessarily loud songs that will leave you feeling as though the screws are getting pushed into your head.

But just when hope is nearly lost, Moe comes back with a great run of seven songs that actually makes its first album a certifiable success.

Thanks to its penchant for jamming in concert and its roots in the Northeast, Moe is often considered to be a group modeled in the Phish mold. While the weird lyrics in songs such as "Spine Of a Dog" remind the listener of some of Phish's bizarre tunes, musical-

ly, Moe is a lot simpler than Phish.

The general formula on the album is bizarre lyrics sandwiched around rather exciting guitar jams. The song "Moth" is the album's liveliest and best, with a catchy chorus — "She knows nothing at all about living/She knows everything about life." "Moth" is also quite long, which breaks the monotony of the album and lends itself to serious guitar playing.

"Moth" is followed by "Buster" and "Four," two solid songs. "Four" is the album's slowest song, reminding listeners a bit of God Street Wine.

The most noticeable thing missing from Moe's act is a keyboardist. The band only features two guitarists, a bassist and a drummer, and at times your ear will long for a nice keyboard sequence.

Minor complaints aside, Moe has really put together an admirable first effort. To make your first listening experience with the group even better, tape the album from a friend and skip the first two songs. This way, you don't have to look at the ugly cover, and you also will only hear the seven good songs on the album.

SPOTLIGHT

Church of Scientology founder dropped out of GW

L. Ron Hubbard was in civil engineering program for two years

Editor's note: This is the first in an occasional series on famous former GW students.

BY JUSTIN BERGMAN
FEATURES EDITOR

The year was 1930. The nation was in the midst of the worst economic depression in American history, but the GW campus in the heart of Washington, D.C., was an exceptionally lively place to be. Herbert Hoover was living in The White House at the time, and Cloyd Heck Marvin was at the helm of GW.

The men's basketball team was 11-5 that year, and the football team was 3-5-1 (following weird games like an 86-0 win over the New York Aggies and a 0-0 tie against South Dakota University). Besides football, the University also had a men's and women's rifle team and a boxing team back in the day.

GW was solidifying its new position in Foggy Bottom and had become one of the leading institutions in the nation for civil engineering and theoretical physics.

This was what the campus was like when Lafayette Ron Hubbard, author of *Dianetics* and founder of the Church of Scientology, enrolled as a student in the civil engineering program. Although the nation was in the grips of an economic depression, the future was bright for civil engineers. The Empire State Building had just been completed in New York City, which illustrated the future possibilities of civil engineering transforming American cities.

However, L. Ron Hubbard (as he later became known) did not appear to be suited to the classroom atmosphere at GW, according to *Bare-Faced Messiah*, a biography by Russell Miller. He was too much of a free spirit and a dreamer, who spent most of his time scribbling down fantasies about spies, commissars, pirates and warlords and flying glider planes. Engineering was simply not a pas-

sion for Hubbard, and he ended up giving up the pursuit after two years.

The GW Years

Hubbard enrolled at GW in 1930 after failing the entrance examination for the Naval Academy at Annapolis. His father was a lieutenant in the Navy, and wanted a similar future for his son. After Ron failed the test, though, his father began negotiations with the Registrar's Office at GW and got Hubbard admitted without a college entrance exam.

Miller reported that Hubbard was involved in several extracurricular activities and spent as little time in class as he could. He was a reporter for The GW Hatchet for a few months, but quit because he was not given an editor position immediately.

Then in the spring of 1931, Hubbard founded the GW Gliding Club to teach fellow students how to pilot a powered glider.

"Ron adored gliding ... He never hesitated to cut classes if it meant 'going up' and he relied on his fellow students to brief him on the classes he missed. It was not an ideal way to qualify as a civil engineer," Miller wrote.

Hubbard's success as a glider pilot was not matched by his performance at GW. His grades were so poor his freshman year (he received an "A" in physical education, "B" in English, "C" in mechanical engineering, "D" in general chemistry and "F"s in German and calculus), the University placed him on scholastic probation. Needless to say, his father was not pleased, and he told Hubbard he expected improvement in his second year.

Hubbard spent that summer barnstorming through Michigan and Ohio, and returned to GW even more disillusioned with civil engineering. Although his grades showed no improvement, Hubbard was elected a member of Phi Theta Xi, the professional engineering fraternity.

Hubbard again became involved with The

Hatchet in the spring of 1932 when the newspaper began a monthly literary review for aspiring writers.

"Nothing could have suited him better, for it provided him with a further excuse to neglect his tedious engineering books while he wrote more short stories," Miller wrote.

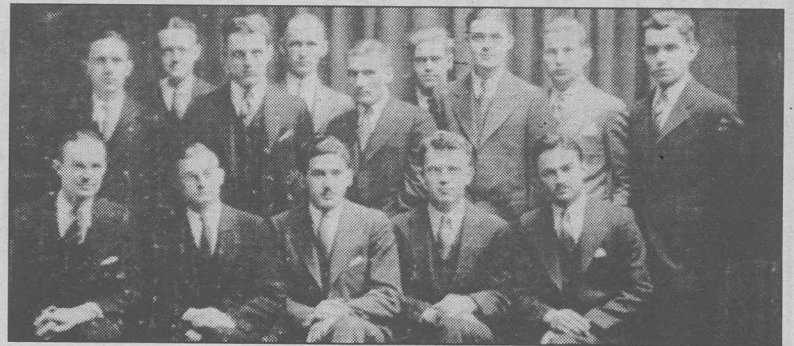
He was published every month, and an excerpt from an award-winning play is included below.

However, Hubbard's grades during his second year were equally disastrous as his first: a "B" in English, "D" in calculus and electrical magnetic physics and an "F" in molecular and atomic physics. Not bothered by his grades, Hubbard set up an expedition during the summer to go to the Caribbean on a schooner called the *Doris Hamlin* to reenact pirate scenes and make a number of short movies.

When he returned from his adventures in the Caribbean, Hubbard told his parents he was dropping out of GW. Angered, but still determined to put Hubbard on the right track, his father signed him up for a Red Cross mission in Puerto Rico soon after.

The Church of Scientology

Who would have guessed that Hubbard's lax and somewhat odd lifestyle would later lead him to write several science fiction novels and found a new, controversial church and philosophy called Scientology. The new movement was born out of Hubbard's famous novel *Dianetics: The Modern Science of Mental*



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L. Ron Hubbard stands second from the right in the back row in the 1931 Cherry Tree yearbook photo of the GW Student Chapter of The American Society of Civil Engineers.

Health, in which he outlined a form of counseling for curing emotional and psychosomatic illnesses and enhancing life.

The Church of Scientology was founded in 1954, and now claims more than seven million members worldwide, according to the Academic American Encyclopedia 1994. The religion teaches that human beings are immortal spirits called "thetans" and practices a ritual known as "auditing," which frees the thetan from past painful experiences.

Quite a few celebrities are known Scientologists, including Tom Cruise and Nicole Kidman, but the church has attracted much criticism for attacking the Internal Revenue Service and the mental health profession.

Hubbard died in 1986, but the Church remains strong today.

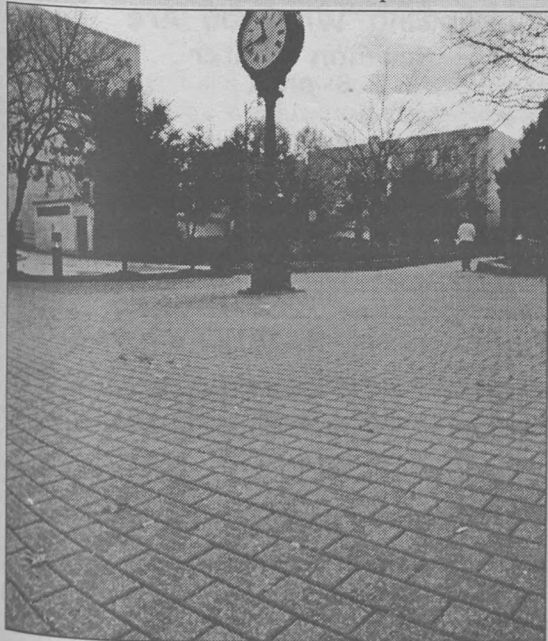
According to Miller's biography, many years after leaving GW, Hubbard would tell people that he had actually graduated. "They say I didn't, but I did," he would grouse.

He also claimed to be an editor at The Hatchet for four years, but we also know this is not entirely true. It seems as though Hubbard's vivid imagination really never gave out

Graduate bricks honor past Colonials

BY STEPHANIE LASH
HATCHET STAFF WRITER

If you're looking for monuments, the District is the right place. The Washington Monument stands an impressive 555 feet tall and is one of the city's most visited attractions, as well as its tallest. And the Lincoln Memorial, which sits picturesquely at the end of the reflecting pool, features an awe-inspiring alabaster statue of the Great Emancipator.



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Graduate bricks were first laid in the Gelman Courtyard in 1990.

But George Washington's campus contains the greatest number of individual monuments in the District. And you walk all over them every day.

Approximately 2,000 bricks inscribed with the names of graduates are scattered around the grounds of the University, forever honoring past Colonials. The Graduate Brick Project was started five years ago by GW President Stephen Joel Trachtenberg in an effort to bring a growing tradition to campus.

According to Walter L. Gray, director of facilities management, the project allows graduating seniors of each semester to purchase a brick to be a part of the University forever.

"Over time, you will have a campus paved with the graduates of the University," Gray explains.

A master plan by a specific planning group identified strategic places for the bricks to be laid and the space allotted for the project should carry through the year 2000, Gray said. The group has chosen the Quad and Rose Garden areas to eventually house the rest of the "graduate bricks."

Gray said the annual budget for the bricks, which are purchased by graduates, totals \$60,000. The Registrar's Office monitors the program to ensure that only those who are actually graduating purchase bricks, and the money is put into a capital building program set aside especially for the program.

Even though the program is just beginning, it has not forgotten those who graduated in the University's first 170 years. The Alumni Office provides means for students who graduated before the brick program began to purchase their own piece of the University's history.

Repair of a paved area behind Gelman Library has not damaged the bricks that were originally placed in this area. The construction, which is scheduled for completion Nov. 27, will repair the edges of the pavement damaged by erosion.

An excerpt from L. Ron Hubbard's one-act play, "The God Smiles," which won the one-act play contest sponsored by the Monthly Literary Review in The GW Hatchet, May 24, 1932.

Scene: A blizzarding night in Tsingtau, China; the private dining room of the Wai Cafe. Dimi is a White Russian girl, a cafe hostess, and Wu is the manager of the cafe.

Dimi is seated at the table smoking a cigarette and gazing at a locket which hangs from her neck. She is dressed in the high-necked, embroidered costume of the sing-song girl.

Dimi is startled by a knock on the door. She tries to hide the locket, but before it can be restored, Mr. Wu throws the door open and walks into the room. He is excited.

WU: Dimi! Comrade Taing of the Council for order will be here in ... (gruffly) What is that in your hand? (Breaks the chain of the locket as he snatches it. Gazes at the picture) How the Russian becomes fascinated by the amulet of death. Little caring whose head she invites to the executioners basket. You spawn of pigs! Where did you get this picture of Alexeyitch Konrad?

DIMI: (Who has thrown down her cigarette, stands) Perhaps the Comrade Taing forgets the minor decencies associated with gentlemen. Because I entertain your fine guests, feed them wine and smooth their ears with honey so that you can escape the tribute to the Kuomintang, is little cause for your obvious ownership. The locket please. (Holds out her hand)

WU: (Placing the locket in the palm) But Dimi, my heart. (whining) What would I do if these fools should rid you of that beautiful head. Am I not good to you? Do I not suffer for you, plead for you? What would I do if you were taken away?

DIMI: Pay your tribute, I presume. You were about to remark on Comrade Taing.

WU: Yes, yes. But my heart, my lily, please let me destroy that locket. It is death. Perhaps even for me. Please allow me to carry it away from your throat. Even now they are plodding through drifts and fighting back the cold to find him. Even to utter the name is flowing life. Today alone, more than 200 heads dangled freshly hewn against the wind. Every telephone pole by the market is decorated to its fill. The executioner possesses arms of tireless metal. He would think nothing of the severance of that wonderful head. What an ignoble way to die.

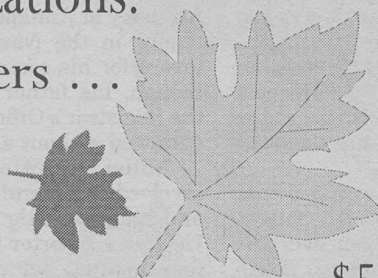
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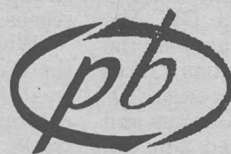
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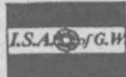
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Two-thirds of GW students voted

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(giving Clinton a wide margin of victory) seriously affected voter turnout," she said.

Junior biology major Troy Desai agreed with this negative assessment. "The media pretty much conceded the election to Clinton beforehand. I do not like the idea of continuously polling people. I especially do not agree with reporting election outcomes before the polls are closed nationwide."

Fifty-eight percent of those surveyed agreed that the media provided a negative effect on the outcome of the election.

Another concern of many GW students was keeping track of candidates in the local elections for which they were registered. More than 80 percent of students participating in the survey who voted did so by absentee ballot.

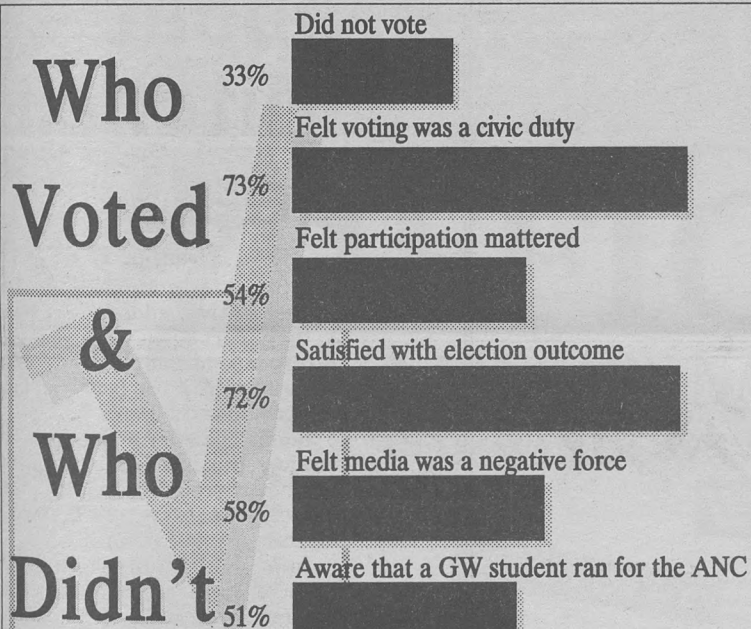
The overwhelming majority of those asked said they followed local politics. Many consulted family members living at home, and some read local newspapers.

Obtaining absentee information proved to be a hindrance to many students who registered in their home state. More than half of those who said they did not vote claimed that problems with absentee ballots kept them from even bothering.

One GW student said many students who voted at home lost sight of the importance of representing their interests in D.C. GW junior Sarah Goodyear, who unsuccessfully campaigned for a position on the local Advisory Neighborhood Commission, did so to represent the large student population in the area.

When asked if they knew a GW student was running for local office in the District, nearly half of those surveyed responded that they did not.

Regardless of whether those surveyed who followed the elections even voted, 72 percent of all students questioned said they were satisfied with the outcome of the elections. Ninety-two students were polled for this story.



Source: survey of 92 people conducted by The GW Hatchet

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J Street, Thurston to alter hours

ARAMark to adjust meal times to reflect student survey results

BY MATT BERGER
HATCHET STAFF WRITER

Meal hours at J Street and Thurston Dining Hall will be pushed back a half hour if a Student Association Dining Services Commission proposal takes affect as planned.

The commission surveyed students last week at both facilities and asked them to choose a preference between two meal plans. Option "A" called for the meal hours to stay the same, with lunch from 11 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. and dinner from 4-8 p.m. Option "B" had both lunch and dinner starting a half hour later and ending a half hour later.

385 students voted for the change, 69 for keeping the current plan. "We had to do a survey because it was a big decision," said Jesse Strauss, director of the DSC. "Some students like the way it is."

ARAMark, the dining service provider, is expected to accept the results and change the plan.

"(Dining Services) wanted to make the change," Strauss said. "We told them not to until we gauged

students' input."

Strauss said he was not comfortable deciding by himself on a schedule that would affect students, so he chose a more democratic way to make the choice.

Thurston Hall posed a worry to administrators because, according to Dining Services, the dining hall is busiest from 11 a.m. until noon, and the new hours will cut that period in half.

"We made it a point to do (surveys) both at Thurston and J Street," Strauss said. "They both voted overwhelmingly for the change."

Under the new plan, J Street stations would remain open until 8:30 p.m. on weekdays.

The Foggy Bottom Diner will be open for meals until 9 p.m. for three weeks as an experiment. The dining service organizations are gauging the use of meals during that period, which began last week. If students frequent the diner during that time, the change may become permanent.

The change the students opted for is scheduled to go into effect in a few weeks, since time is needed to make staff adjustments.

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Petron resigns vice president post

David Petron has resigned as the Student Association vice president of academic affairs. He is leaving to devote more time to his studies.

"I need to be a student first and student leader second," Petron said. He cited shelving his senior thesis for SA work as a turning point in the decision.

SA President Damian McKenna announced the resignation in a

memorandum to the Senate on Nov. 9.

"David's resignation is a loss for the Student Association, and I wish him the best," McKenna said.

McKenna has named graduate Sen. David Cleary (SBPM) to replace Petron. Cleary, who served as rules committee chair and president pro-tempore of the Senate, resigned his seat for the new post.

"It's great," Petron said of Cleary's appointment. "David is a smart guy and he's very capable of filling this role."

Cleary previously served as the president of the Residence Hall Association.

Petron's position as student chair of the Joint Committee of Faculty and Students also has been vacated. McKenna named Sen. H. Kanefsky (CSAS), chair of the academic affairs committee, as the new chair. This change must be approved by the Senate, which will meet on Tuesday.

Petron's major accomplishment as vice president included the Academic Update, which published evaluations by students of classes and the test file, which Petron helped re-organize.

Cleary's resignation leaves a third Senate seat open. The Senate has received only one candidate for the other two seats.

-Matt Berger

Concern lingers about Mitchell deal

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Cari Sherkler, a Mitchell Hall floor representative, added, "you signed it, they don't have to remind you" in response to complaints that residents should have been reminded sooner about the move.

Some comments from the discussion indicated that residents had not thoroughly read the lease and did not expect to be held to anything "in the fine print."

Individual concerns included the financial burden of a more expensive residence hall. "(The move) is not fair," junior Lola Akinrolabi said. "I chose Mitchell because that's what I could afford."

While the meeting offered answers to the residents' questions, it was not able to offer the answers they all wanted to hear. The Mitchell Hall residents are still required to move at the end of the semester.

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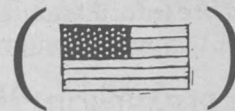
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Women take on GW fraternity parties

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WIN members said they are challenging fraternity brothers who wish to change their image to join the effort to take down the sneakers and start respecting women.

Members of WIN said they are planning to initiate a campaign to take down the sneakers, including phone calls and letters to GW President Stephen Joel Trachtenberg and distribution of flyers to the student body.

WIN members also plan to sit outside certain fraternity houses when the fraternities are having parties because, as one member said, "We need to listen for the females screaming for help within the frat houses."

Following the march around Foggy Bottom, the women held a candlelight vigil on the Quad. The marchers discussed being the victim of rape or assault or simply their fears as women.

In the meantime, the few men in attendance went to a men's workshop in the Marvin Center.

WIN, with the help of the Student Association and the Marvin Center Governing Board, hopes to force the administration to print GW's official rape policy in student handbooks.

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Jay Crystal/GW Hatchet

Women fought Thursday night for an end to rape and violence.

Program educates men about rape

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assault in a manner that makes (men) feel defensive."

Morris left before the program began and even asked a GW Hatchet reporter to leave. She explained that the program is supposed to be an open forum, establishing a comfortable environment for men's questions and feelings to be discussed.

Robert Andrews, a facilitator for the program, explained that having a woman in the room "changes the dynamics of the program ... designed to give men tools to help sexual assault survivors if a woman should come to them."

The facilitators of the program discussed strategies of how to help a victim of sexual assault. They

also addressed social norms and "unacceptable behaviors."

"Basically, we are designed to help men take responsibility for themselves, to educate themselves," Andrews said. "Sexual assault is violence, and it's power-play."

The program, according to Andrews, "went really well, and there was also a good discussion generated afterwards."

About 20 men attended. "It was a very diverse group of people and was a fairly comfortable environment," Andrews said. "It definitely helped out a lot to have men there from D.C. Men Against Rape. Some of these men have been working on this (issue) for five or 10 years."

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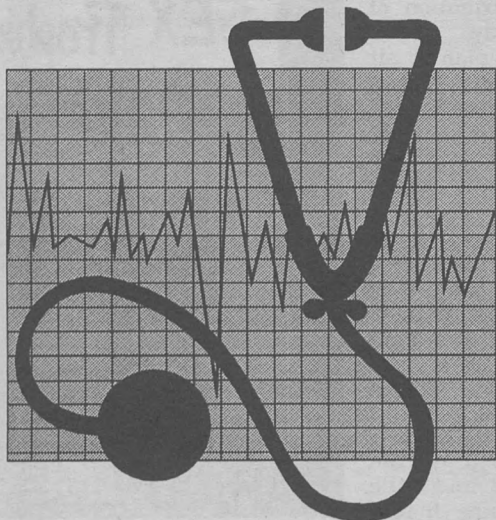
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GW volleyball takes rough trip to Ohio

BY ADAM WILLIS
HATCHET SPORTS WRITER

This weekend's trip to Ohio was the GW volleyball team's last chance to make some noise in the Atlantic 10, to boost their conference record above .500 and to put themselves in position to make a run for one of the four spots in the conference's championship tournament. It didn't work out.

Instead, the GW women's volleyball team suffered through its worst weekend of the season, dropping matches at Dayton and Xavier while scoring just 36 points in the matches' seven games.

"It was probably our most difficult weekend of the year," GW head coach Susie Homan said.

According to Homan, the losses mathematically eliminated the Colonial Women from postseason play and with that, their opportunity to defend the A-10 crown they've worn for the last three seasons.

"We have a lot of pride in how hard we work," Homan said. "We've all been very supportive of each other. We're still working hard to win."

GW is now 11-17 overall and will face St. Bonaventure Friday in the first match of a five-match, season-ending homestand.

Xavier 3, GW 1

Xavier dropped GW 3-1 Saturday, but it wasn't really that close. An inspired third game kept the Colonial Women from leaving Ohio without winning a game, but the Lady Musketeers dominated the rest of the match. Xavier played angry in the fourth set and refused to allow a point en route to finishing the Colonial Women off 15-7, 15-2, 5-15, 15-0.

"I'm not sure (Xavier) could play better than they did," Homan said, adding that seniors Anna Krimmel, Kate Haubenreich and Heather McNabb had never been shut out in a game in their GW careers before this weekend.

Mya Eveland led the Colonial Women with eight kills and was third on the team's digs list with seven. Tai Bethune's 11 digs topped that list for GW and her six kills placed her second on the team in that category. Haubenreich had 23 assists.

Dayton 3, GW 0

With the A-10 championship just three weeks away, Dayton's collective eyes could well have looked past the Colonial Women Friday. The Lady Flyers, however, were all too attentive to matters at hand. They took an early lead and were never seriously threatened during their romp to a 15-0, 15-3 victory.

Theresa Ridder's seven kills led GW. Bethune, Crystal Akens and Haubenreich shared top digs honors after tallying eight apiece.

Homan said GW's opponents are getting pumped up to play the Colonial Women now more than ever because of the success of GW teams from the past, and are taking out their aggressions on the current edition of the team.

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SPORTS

GW falls to UMass at A-10 tourney

BY DUSTIN GOUKER
HATCHET SPORTS WRITER

For four straight years, the women's soccer teams from GW and Massachusetts have met in the Atlantic 10 championships.

And for four straight years, GW has lost to the Minutewomen. This year, the Colonial Women fell to UMass in a heartbreaking 1-0 loss played at the University of Rhode Island.

GW (10-6-4) was able to shut down UMass' high-powered offense through the first 45 minutes of play, holding the score at 0-0. The momentum of the game seemed to be going GW's way early, with the Colonial Women outshooting UMass 7-2 in the first half. The team nearly took the lead on a shot by junior Chemar Smith that hit the post.

"We didn't put away some of the chances that we needed to put away," head coach Shannon Higgins-Cirovski said. "And we had a lot of chances."

The second period saw things turn sour for GW. Just seven minutes into the half, a ball got behind the Colonial Women's defense due to a strong wind that was a factor throughout the game, and they never recovered. A-10 rookie of the year Emma Kurowski was able to beat GW goalie Traci Jensen to make the score 1-0 at the 51:42 mark. The goal turned out to be all the offense UMass needed.

"They had a great opportunity and they capitalized," Higgins-Cirovski said. "It was just one of those things."

GW had a golden opportunity of its own late in the half to tie the score when Kristen Davidson

seemed to shoot a ball that was destined to find the upper left corner of the net. But UMass goalie Danielle Dion - who saved seven of GW's 12 shots for the game - made a spectacular stop to preserve the shutout and the win for the Minutewomen.

"It could have gone either way," Higgins-Cirovski said. "I'm sure you could ask UMass, and they would say the same thing."

UMass advanced to the tournament's final Sunday, losing 3-2 to Dayton.

Despite the loss to UMass, the season might not be over for GW, which is awaiting the announcement of the NCAA Tournament field Monday evening.

One of GW's brightest stars this year, senior midfielder Tanya

Vogel, put three shots on goal against UMass but was unable to convert them into scores, something she did extremely well all season. Her team-leading 12 goals and 25 points were just part of the reason why Vogel was named as the A-10 women's soccer player of the year - the first time a GW player has won the award.

Higgins-Cirovski was also recognized for her team's outstanding season, as she was selected as the A-10 women's soccer coach of the year for the second time in three years. This season, Higgins-Cirovski won her 50th game at GW, led the Colonial Women to their first-ever victory over the University of Virginia and saw her team ranked as high as 18th nationally.



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For the fourth straight season, the Colonial Women fell at the hands of UMass in the A-10 tournament. Still, an NCAA bid may be in the cards for GW.

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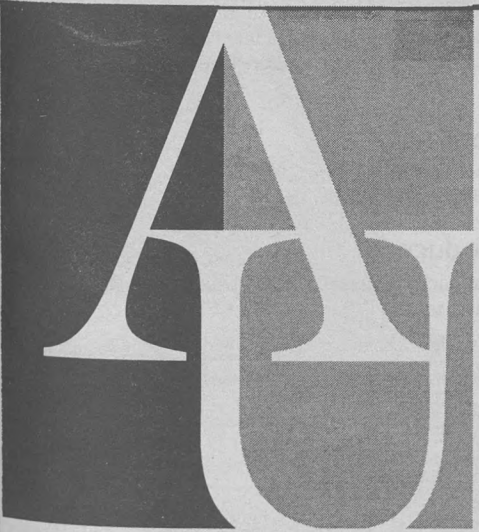
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1996-97 GW Hatchet Basketball Preview



It's GW and a bunch of parity in women's A-10 Conference

BY BEN OSBORNE
SPORTS EDITOR

Last season, the Atlantic 10 Conference landed three teams in the NCAA Tournament. This year could provide even more excitement as the league will be balanced and competitive this season.

The preseason A-10 coaches' poll has not been released yet, but GW is the consensus favorite to win the conference, according to the basketball media. GW head coach Joe McKeown is not yet ready to be anointed the champion, however.

"I know we're considered the team to beat in the Western Division, but I really think you could throw a blanket over the whole division and any team could win," he said.

The conference is in its second year with two six-team divisions, and what follows is a preview of both divisions, with the teams listed in alphabetical order.

East Division

Fordham

The Lady Rams may come first alphabetically, but expect them to finish last on the court. Still hampered by its time in the athletic scholarship-less Patriot League, Fordham simply does not have the talent to go far this season.

Making things worse is that Fordham lost five seniors to graduation. The top returnee is senior forward Suzanne Maguire of Ireland. Head coach Kevin Morris also nabbed what McKeown called a "great" recruiting class.

Massachusetts

The Minutewomen were one of the A-10's representatives in the NCAA last year, but this year's team will not look all that familiar. Four solid players are gone now, including stars Melissa Gurile and Octavia Thomas.

On the positive side, UMass

returns three-point specialist Beth Kuzmeski, as well as Tez Kraft, a talented forward who missed much of last season with an injury. "Even though the team lost a lot of scoring, the players learned how to win last year," McKeown said.

Rhode Island

Besides GW and UMass, the Lady Rams were the third A-10 team in the NCAA Tourney, and also notched a big win over GW in the penultimate game of the regular season. Now they're back with senior Tasha King and Jaime Gray leading the way.

King is a powerful scorer and rebounder, while Gray is a dynamic sophomore who earned rookie of the year in the A-10 last season.

St. Bonaventure

The Lady Bonnies are not the most talented team in the league, but they showed in their win over UMass last season that they are a team to be reckoned with. "St. Bonnies can usually beat anyone," McKeown said.

SBU lost only two seniors, and the returnees include forward Hilary Waltman, who scored more than 15 points a game last season as a freshman and earned a spot on the A-10 all-rookie team.

St. Joseph's

Senior forward Megan Compain, who hails from New Zealand, will be the leader on a traditionally strong team. Compain was named to the A-10's all-conference third team after last season.

Head coach Stephanie Gaitley has led St. Joe's to four NCAA Tournaments, most recently in 1995. McKeown

thinks the team is one to watch. "They're a better team than they showed last season. They should return to the form of two years ago," he said.

Temple

6-1 frontcourt player and all-name team member Alkanese Garrett exploded for 35 points in a game at Xavier last year, but individual efforts have not been enough for the Lady Owls in the past.

"Temple always has great individual talent, and with the new coaching staff I think they'll be tough this year," McKeown said. Kristen Foley came in a year ago to work on a team that won no A-10 games in the 1994-95 season and got the Lady Owls to win three last year, so the team may be on the right track.

West Division

Dayton

In a division that GW should dominate, the Lady Flyers can

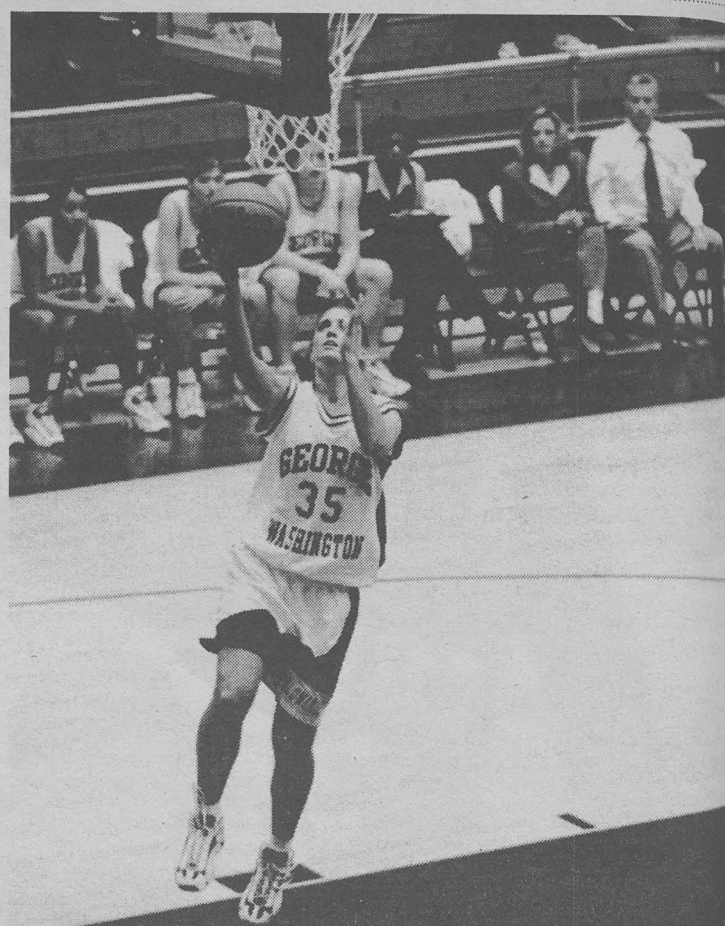
only hope their youthful team plays over its head this year. Guard Kizzy Dawson was named to the A-10 all-rookie team last season after a solid season, but she wasn't enough to get Dayton

more than four conference wins. If Dawson and star senior Steph Mathu continue to mature, Dayton will be a tough game for most teams. "Dayton is young and competitive," McKeown said.

Duquesne

Korie Hlede, and what else? Last year the junior guard from Croatia averaged 22.8 points per game to lead the league for the second straight season and also earned A-10 player of the year honors.

For an encore, Hlede could try winning, as the Lady Dukes have not finished above .500 in



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Lisa Cermignano and her teammates appear to be the class of an otherwise well-balanced Atlantic 10.

either of her two seasons at the school. Senior co-captain Gail Wilkins will try to pick up some of the slack from Hlede as the Lady Dukes try to diversify their offense.

La Salle

The Lady Explorers return all five starters from a year ago, including senior forward Chrissie Donahue, who scored 13.4 points per game last season and grabbed 8.1 rebounds after averaging 18.8 and 8.3, respectively, as a sophomore. "Chrissie is an all-around player who is extremely competitive," La Salle head coach John Miller said of his star.

The Lady Explorers blossomed late a year ago, advancing to the A-10 conference finals before falling to GW.

Virginia Tech

Last season, the Lady Hokies went 8-8 in the A-10 and took

GW to overtime during the regular season. With sophomore Michelle Hollister in the fold, VTU was looking at a promising 1996-97 campaign. This fall, however, Hollister withdrew from school for personal reasons, leaving the team short on scoring.

Trying to pick up the scoring pace will be senior guard Sherry Banks and sophomore Katie O'Connor, an A-10 all-rookie team member last season.

Xavier

Despite the loss of second team all-conference performer Amy Siefring to graduation, Xavier is expected to be a minor threat to GW this year. The Lady Musketeers beat the Colonial Women by seven in their first meeting last year, and the team returns all-rookie team member Susanna Stromberg.

"Xavier is a very good basketball team," McKeown said simply.



Ranked foes await GW women

BY JOE JARECK
HATCHET SPORTS REPORTER

To call the GW women's basketball team's 1996-97 schedule tough would be an understatement.

Six of the reigning Atlantic 10 champions' first eight games will be against ranked opponents. These include their preseason National Invitation Tournament opener Nov. 15 at Old Dominion, considered to be the top team in the country by several publications.

Head coach Joe McKeown is looking forward to the tough road ahead.

"Playing in Old Dominion, where they have great crowds and a great team, is certainly a tough way to start the season, but the challenge will be good for us," McKeown said. "We're pumped up."

The Colonial Women also will take

on perennial powers Penn State, UCLA, North Carolina State and Duke during a three-week stretch in December, with the UCLA game at the Smith Center. The team also has scheduled a tough home game with Western Kentucky in February. The tough home games will test the Colonial Women's unbeaten streak at home, where they went 12-0 last year.

"Getting premier teams such as UCLA and Western Kentucky at home is a big step for us nationally," McKeown said.

By playing such a challenging non-league schedule, McKeown said he hopes to improve the team's post-season seeding.

"This year, in order to better our seed in the NCAA Tournament, we have scheduled a lot of premier teams, which will also help challenge

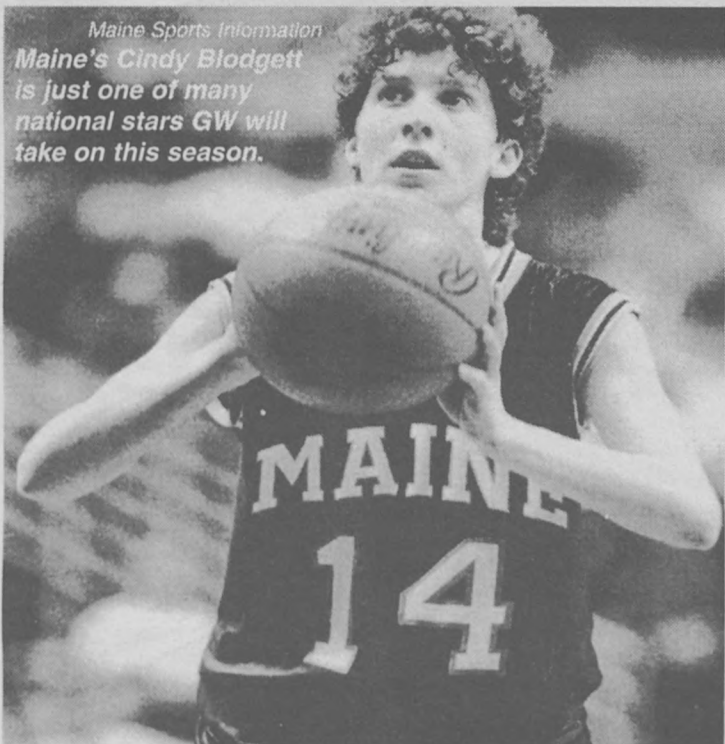
us to be better," McKeown said.

GW lost only two games in the Atlantic 10 last year. However, McKeown sees many teams providing a formidable challenge.

"UMass, La Salle and St. Joe's will be pretty strong when it is all said and done. Duquesne has one of the best players in the country, and Xavier really scares me," he said.

Xavier was one of the teams that beat the Colonial Women last year. The other, Rhode Island, lost four of last year's starters. In addition, Massachusetts lost two 1,000-point scorers to graduation.

There is no doubt that the GW women's basketball team will have its work cut out for it this season, especially in the early going. Despite being the preseason favorites in the A-10, no one said it was going to be easy.



Maine Sports Information
Maine's Cindy Blodgett is just one of many national stars GW will take on this season.

Wait a minute – UMass men are not team to beat

BY MATT BONESTEEL
SPORTS EDITOR

1996-97 will be a season of transition for the Atlantic 10 men's basketball conference.

The battle for conference supremacy will be much tighter this year than in the past, when Massachusetts dominated. And while the Minutemen still will be strong this season, more than one team could dethrone them as conference champions.

"There have been a lot of improvements in this league, and the one thing that is most important is that there are no cupcakes in this league," Rhode Island head coach Al Skinner said. "Everybody is going to be competitive night in and night out."

"I think that the A-10 will be the strongest it has ever been from top to bottom," GW head coach Mike Jarvis said.

In their annual preseason poll, the A-10 coaches picked UMass to win the Eastern Division of the league, followed by Temple, Rhode Island, St. Joseph's, St. Bonaventure and Fordham. In the West, GW was a unanimous selection for first place. Xavier, Virginia Tech, Duquesne, Dayton and La Salle round out the division.

A-10 coaches who were interviewed for this story said the conference holds between four and six potential NCAA Tournament teams this year, with UMass, Temple, Rhode Island and GW as shoo-ins to be playing in March.

But anything is possible. "Like I told my guys, we could finish sixth in the country or we could finish sixth in the A-10," Jarvis said. "I know that there are at least five teams besides ourselves who could win the A-10."

East Division

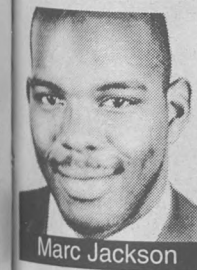
Massachusetts

John Calipari has left to coach the New Jersey Nets. Marcus Camby has gone to the great white north to play for the Toronto Raptors. So that means this season will be one of rebuilding for the Minutemen, right? Not by a long shot. UMass boasts one of the best guard combinations in the country in Edgar Padilla and Carmelo Travieso.

"(UMass) has two senior guards who have seen every possible basketball situation and have triumphed in those situations," Xavier head coach Skip Prosser said.

New head coach James "Bruiser" Flint also has brought in a stellar recruiting class, including 6-10 center Lari Ketner, who averaged 24 points and 15 rebounds a game as a high school senior. Tyrone Weeks, Inus Norville and Charlton Clarke all must step up, however, if UMass is to come anywhere near the Final Four this season.

Temple



Marc Jackson

This season, 6-10 forward Marc Jackson will lead the way. The big man averaged 15.7 points and nine rebounds per game last year. Scoring was the problem for Temple last year, and 6-3 guard Rasheed Brokenborough may be the cure. He averaged 27 points a game as a high school senior but sat out last season for academic reasons.

Rhode Island

Here is the number of returning starters for Rhode Island this season: five. Here is the number of players lost from last year: zero. The Rams, a young team a year ago, will likely improve on their 20-14, 8-8 A-10 record from last year.

"I think Rhode Island is the team to beat this year,



Tyson Wheeler

because they have all of their scoring back," St. Joseph's head coach Phil Martelli said.

Leading the way is point guard Tyson Wheeler and his 16.6 points and six assists from a year ago. 6-7 forward Antonio Reynolds-Dean leads the way defensively. If center Michael Andersen improves his numbers on the inside, the Rams will most likely be a force in the Eastern Division.

St. Joseph's

St. Joe's advanced to the final of the NIT last year before losing to Nebraska. It might be tough for the Hawks to replicate the success of last year, as Mark Bass, Will Johnson and Reggie Townsend and their average 39.6 points a game have graduated.

St. Joe's does return a loaded backcourt with the likes of Rashid Bey, Terrell Myers and freshman sensation Arthur "Yah" Davis. But size will be a considerable problem for the Hawks. Their tallest returning player is 6-10 Nemanja Petrovic, and he only averaged 3.4 points and 3.4 boards a game last year.

St. Bonaventure

Injuries destroyed the Bonnies a season ago, as they limped to a 10-18, 4-12 A-10 finish. But head coach Jim Baron is hoping his team stays healthy this year. Leading the way are 5-7 sparkplug Shandue McNeill at point guard and junior swingman Rashaan Palmer, whose 16.1 points a game last year was good enough for fifth in the A-10.

The Bonnies may also have the best recruit in the A-10 this season in 5-10 guard Tim Winn from Niagara Falls, N.Y. He averaged 26 points and six assists per game as a senior in high school.

Fordham

To put it simply, the Rams were in way over their heads a season ago, which was their first in the A-10 after a stint in the non-scholarship Patriot League. This season Fordham will be a better squad but will still have a firm grasp on the cellar of its division.

Dustin Berrien and Billy Lovett are the best players returning from a team that did not have one player average double digits in scoring last season. Look for freshmen Scott Harmatuk, John Pugh and Collin Watson to contribute.

West Division

Xavier

Many coaches around the league are picking the Musketeers to be a sleeper in the A-10 this year. Xavier returns four players who averaged more than 10 points a game last season, including A-10 all-rookie team members Lenny Brown and Gary Lumpkin.

"Hopefully, we'll play a little better down the stretch than last season," Prosser said.

Size still is a problem for Xavier, however, as no player on the team stands above 6-9. This year's recruiting class should help make up for frontcourt deficiencies. James Posey, the 1995 Ohio Division II player of the year and Torraye Braggs, one of the top 10 junior college sophomores in the country a year ago, will make immediate impacts in the backcourt.

Virginia Tech

The Hokies had a great year last season, but four



Ace Custis

starters from that team are gone. Returning is dynamic forward Ace Custis, who averaged 13.4 points and 9.5 rebounds. Custis will lead the team in head coach Bill Foster's last season before retiring.

"Virginia Tech has one of the best players in the country in Ace Custis, and we all know what one good player can do for the rest of the guys on the team," Flint said.

Twin brothers Jim and David Jackson, guard Troy Manns and center Keefe Matthews will be expected to step up this season. Virginia Tech's best newcomer is the highly regarded Brendon Dunlop from Mount St. Michael's in the Bronx. The 6-2 guard averaged 17.2 points a game as a senior.

Duquesne

Duquesne returns four starters from a team that lost nine games by eight points or less last season. Among those four are backcourt mates Mike James and Tom Pipkins. James was a third team all-conference selection a year ago, and Pipkins is a three-year starter who is dangerous from three-point land.

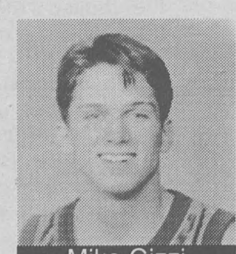
But the Dukes, while full of small scorers, are severely undersized. Kevin Price, a 6-7 forward who led the team in both scoring and rebounding, must again play taller than his stature. Freshman forward Clifton Jones, who averaged 19 rebounds a game as a high school senior, may relieve some of the problems for Duquesne.

Dayton

Basketball Times magazine ranked the Flyers the third most improved team in Division I basketball last season. Head coach Oliver Purnell hopes to continue the positive momentum this season.

Team MVP Ryan Perryman returns at the forward position. The 6-7 junior averaged 13.4 points and 9.3 boards a year ago. But the Flyers must find someone else to score, as Perryman was the only returning Dayton player to average more than six points a game. It might be up to freshmen Mark Ashman, Matt Cooper and Edwin Young to pick up the slack.

La Salle



Mike Gizzi

La Salle's 6-24 record a season ago was not indicative of the talent the Explorers possessed. They had the 16th-toughest schedule in the country according to the RPI ratings, and beat GW while losing close games to UMass and Texas Tech after leading both teams at halftime.

Much of this was due to Romaine Haywood and his 18.1 points per game. But Haywood graduated. It is up to 6-5 guard Mike Gizzi to pick up the slack. He averaged 13.4 points a year ago and probably needs to score more this season. Freshmen Ronnie Braxton and Donnie Carr could add some scoring punch.



Thanks to Alex, everything is Koul for GW men

BY BEN OSBORNE
SPORTS EDITOR

When you put the sound of his name together with his appearance, Alexander "Cool" seems to have the perfect last name. He is huge, standing 7-1 and weighing 280 pounds, yet with his smooth stride and stylish hair he does not have the gawky look of most giants.

Then you find out that Alexander's last name is actually spelled "Koul," and you realize the GW hoopster has a lot more going for him than his name.

To begin with, his awesome basketball skills are improving everyday. The junior center has matured from a "project" to a bona fide NBA prospect. Playing on a 21-8 Colonial squad, Koul averaged 14.9 points and 7.8 rebounds last year, and all signs point to those numbers moving up this season.

"Alexander has followed a nice, gradual growth process on the court," GW head coach Mike Jarvis said. "Like all our players, he can get better at everything, but his size and attitude make him a pretty good basketball player."

On the court, Koul is a throwback. In an era where most players are trying to become the next do-everything player à la Scottie Pippen or Kevin Garnett, Koul is content to be a classic big man. He is an imposing presence on defense, lurking in the lane and giving the other team's centers fits.

Former Massachusetts star Marcus Camby is one player who could attest to Koul's defensive skills.

The No. 2 pick in this year's draft and current Toronto Raptor was consistently outplayed by Koul in their four career meetings, including last year's Atlantic 10 Conference semifinal, where Camby shot just 6-of-23.

Jarvis makes no bones about Koul's best attribute. "Physical presence," he said simply.

The focus on inside play is even more obvious at the offensive end of the court. Koul is not a career .637 field goal shooter because of his prowess from the outside. His specialty is the dunk, or when he gets adventurous, a little hook shot.

The fact is, Koul is just too big and strong to be moved out of his perch in the low post. An example is the memorable performance he turned in during his freshman year against South Carolina State. Koul was unstoppable, hitting 13-of-14 shots en route to a career-high 29 points. If and when teams can move him away from the basket a little, which may not happen until he gets to the NBA, Koul's silky soft touch should leave him well-equipped to shoot from a greater distance than three feet.

"He has nice hands," Virginia Tech head coach Bill Foster said of Koul, which is praise rarely bestowed on tough seven-footers.

Away from the court, Koul may be just as imposing a figure. "Sasha," the informal name for Alexander in Russia that friends and teammates know him as, has a big fan in GW athletic director Jack Kvanetz. "He is the most recognized and popular student on campus," Kvanetz said.

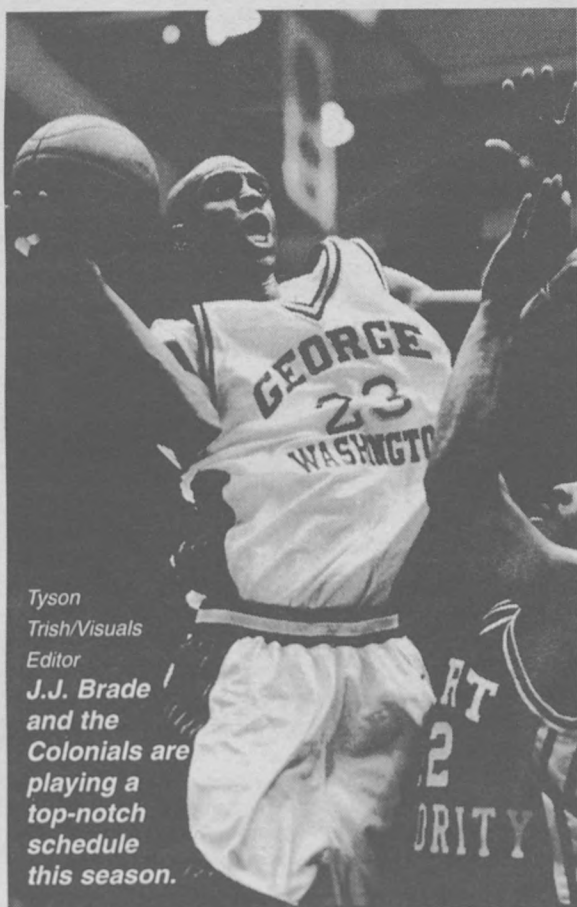
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Colonials face tough schedule in '96-'97

BY DAVE ADLER
HATCHET SPORTS REPORTER

The University of Kansas heads a pack of national powers lined up against the GW men's basketball team this season. The Colonials start their season Nov. 22 in a tougher than usual Red Auerbach Colonial Classic, and the schedule gets more difficult after that.



Preseason all-American point guard Jacque Vaughn's senior season finds the Jayhawks on top of almost all preseason polls. Junior center Raef LaFrentz and senior guard Jerod Haase lead Vaughn's supporting cast. But Vaughn is questionable for the GW game because of a lagging knee injury.

GW's Dec. 11 date at Kansas' Allen Fieldhouse will be one of five Colonial regular season games scheduled to be televised on ESPN.

The Auerbach Classic is perennially an easy tune-up for GW, but this year might be different. If form holds, GW should face Boston University in the championship game Nov. 23.

The Terriers feature multi-purpose weapon Tunji Awojobi. Awojobi (22.7 ppg, 10.8 rpg, 58.2 field goal percentage) scorched the North Atlantic Conference last year and finished in the top 10 nationally in scoring, rebounding and field goal percentage.

This year's Franklin National Bank Classic on Dec. 8-9 at USAir Arena places GW among college hoop forces California, Maryland and 1996 national semifinalist Mississippi State.

The Colonials are scheduled to meet Mississippi State in the first round of the two-day tournament. However, the Bulldogs are nothing like the imposing team of last year. They lost three players to the NBA, and returning junior point guard Marcus Bullard is questionable after his arrest in August.

Maryland is coming off a disappointing year. Star senior Keith Booth (15.3 ppg, 7.8 rpg) is back for another potentially troubling season for the Terrapins in what should have been Joe Smith's senior year.

New Cal coach Ben Braun inherited an experienced team from the departed

Todd Bozeman.

Other non-conference battles that will be sure to unnerve GW head coach Mike Jarvis include South Florida (Nov. 26), Texas Tech (Nov. 30), UNC-Charlotte (Dec. 30) and Old Dominion (Feb. 11).

"Every opponent is tough," Jarvis said. "Hopefully we'll step up well. If we're healthy, we can play against anybody. That's going to be the key to our success this year — how healthy we stay."

While neither South Florida or UNC-Charlotte are expected to cause much damage in Conference USA, they are solid teams likely to be scratching for an at large bid to the NCAA Tournament.

USF senior forward James Harper (10.4 rpg) will have to work hard to improve his scoring to make up for the loss of guard Chucky Atkins, who averaged 19.3 ppg last year.

Look for the Alexander Koul/Alexander Kuehl match-up in this year's game in Charlotte. The anticipated battle between seven-footers was voided last year due to Kuehl's injury. *Street & Smith's* picked the 49ers to finish second in CUSA's White Division based on the return of leading scorer DeMarco Johnson (18.1 ppg).

After a 30-2 dream season last year, the Texas Tech Red Raiders find themselves in the ultra-competitive Big 12. Gone are scorers Jason Sasser, Koy Smith and Jason Martin, as well as the glass-shattering exploits of Darvin Ham.

However, the Red Raiders are retooling. Last year's leading rebounder Tony Battie (9.7 ppg, 8.9 rpg) is back along with Cory Carr, who averaged 16.1 points per game as the team's sixth man.

Old Dominion will still have the nucleus of the team that shocked Villanova in the first round of the 1995 NCAA Tournament when it visits the Smith



Center. Senior center Odell Hodge (14.3 ppg, 7.6 rpg) is expected to win his second Colonial Conference player of the year award.

GW's Atlantic 10 schedule gets underway against Fordham on Jan. 4, and it features some tough tilts as the league continues to improve from top to bottom. The highlight of the A-10 schedule should be the Jan. 30 game with Massachusetts at the Smith Center.

The Colonials have their work cut out for them if they hope to win the A-10 this year, but some big non-conference wins should build confidence and result in an improvement on last season's first round loss to Iowa in the NCAA Tournament.

New GW women hit boards, books

BY JAMIE LIN
HATCHET SPORTS WRITER

You would hardly think to associate the words "honors program," "valedictorian," "double major" and "medical school" with three lane-driving, ball-rejecting hoopsters on the women's basketball team.

But the new batch of incoming freshmen prove that brain and brawn can go together.

Standing at 6-6, St. Louis, Mo., native Dee Brown will be an added force to GW's already powerful front-court. An extremely versatile athlete who was once an Olympic-caliber swimmer, Brown averaged 14 points, 14 rebounds and an incredible five blocks per game her senior year at The Mary Institute. Off the court, the national merit scholar is a pre-med student set on becoming a family practitioner.

As a senior at Elkland High School in Pennsylvania, Marlo Egleston was not only the valedictorian of her class, but she also set a school record by accumulating 655 career assists. Playing for her father, the 5-7 point guard was able to lead her team to the Northern Tier League West Championship all four years she played varsity.

USA Today honorable mention all-American Chasity Myers plans the ambitious task of double majoring in business economics and public policy and human resource management. On the court, she is all business, as proven by her performance at Keller High, where she averaged 23.9 points, 10.6 rebounds, 4.9 assists and five steals as a senior.

These three rookies acknowledge the difference between playing basketball in high school and college. At this higher level, they play under the glow of the public spotlight.

"This is a lot more serious than compared to my high school," Brown said.

With new coaches and new teammates, they find themselves in different playing situations. Where they once might have been the star of the show, now they are simply part of the cast.

"Everybody on the team is good," Myers said simply.

For Egleston, the difference is physical as well. "On my high school team there was no one over 5-8 and here I'm the only person under 5-8," she said.

But their teammates, as daunting as they might appear, have been helpful in welcoming the freshmen to the team. "Everybody's been pretty supportive," Myers said.

Outside of the athletic arena, it is hard for any freshman, let alone a full-time athlete, to become acclimated to their new surroundings. But the trio said they are adjusting just fine, enjoying their classes and the city. Perhaps the only challenge is to maintain the delicate balance between academics and athletics.

"At first it wasn't that hard because all we did was preseason, only an hour a day, but now after practice you're tired when you go home and you have to study," Myers said. In addition, an active social life requires additional time-management skills.

"You don't have a life outside of school or athletics because you need to keep the grades up," Brown said. Egleston, her roommate, agreed that it can get tricky.

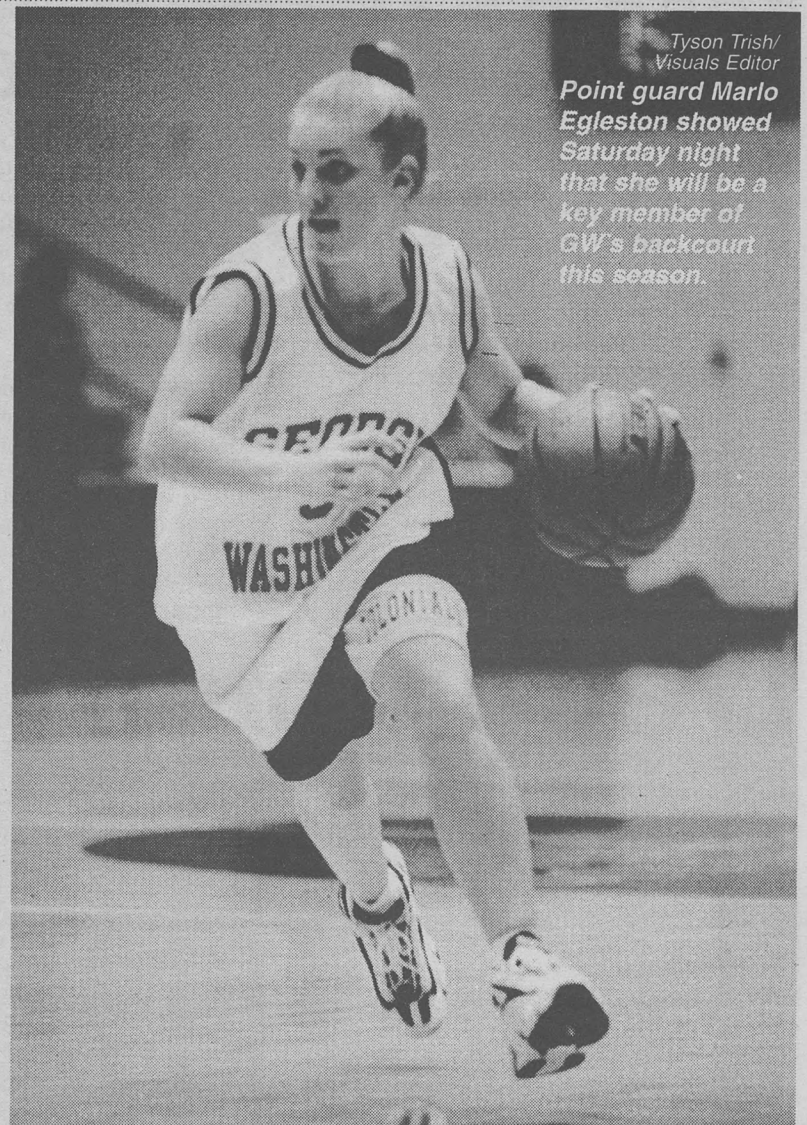
"You have to learn to manage time because you're so busy. You can balance academics and athletics, but then you have to try to throw in social life and that's where it gets complicated," she said.

Whatever complications may come their way, their goals are still clear. They all want to play integral parts during their team's quest to make the "Sweet 16."

"I want to do whatever I can to help the team," Egleston said.

At the personal level, Myers said she wants to "maintain the same playing level and hopefully get a starting role."

Soon they will have their chance to display their skills to the GW community, but first they need to get their homework done.



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Visuals Editor

Point guard Marlo Egleston showed Saturday night that she will be a key member of GW's backcourt this season.

First-year men's players hope to make names for themselves

BY BEN RUBIN
HATCHET SPORTS REPORTER

The whistle sounds.

The GW men's basketball team rushes toward head coach Mike Jarvis for the final words of practice. The veterans instigate the traditional pattern of hands gathering in the middle followed by a synchronized cheer that lingers throughout the Smith Center.

The freshmen follow.

This didn't seem to be the routine last year, as "diaper dandies" Shawnta Rogers and J.J. Brade appeared to be youthful leaders on the court. The two sophomores remain on the squad, but the team has a new bunch of rookies who imply a bright future for the basketball program.

As the practices count down toward the opening contest against Holy Cross Nov. 22, the status of the new recruits is yet to be determined.

"Everybody gets their chance, but you must earn it during practice," Jarvis said. Forward Patrick Ngongba's fate has already been decided, as he is academically ineligible. Although he practices with the team every day, he isn't eligible to compete in games until the fall of 1997.

The basketball team's class of 2000 is a direct representation of the GW population. Geographically, it represents the ideal Colonial mix: two foreign-born players and a couple of Americans. Ngongba is from Nigeria, Francisco De Miranda from Holland, Kinte Smith from Virginia Beach and Jackson Payne grew up in College Grove, Tenn.

These four individuals bring to GW an outstanding history of success, much like their classmates. "We are like everyone else here, but we are on the basketball team," Smith said. Each player's path to GW, however, was distinctly different.

"My teammates have always called me 'smooth,'" Smith said. He strolls campus with a soft step and distinguished apparel. A pair of crisply clean sneakers, a button-down shirt and a spotless coat that he carefully lays aside during conversation. Smith wears a glowing smile that conveys a confident attitude that he replicates on the basketball court.

"My (high school teammates) called me 'smooth' because they said when I ran it looked like I wasn't trying hard," he said.

Smith's nickname is quite fitting. A pre-season McDonald's all-American at Cape Henry Collegiate School last year, he averaged 23 points, 13 rebounds, five assists, three blocks and three steals per game. He was named a first team Virginia Independent Schools all-state selection and two-time all-conference pick by the coaches in 1995 and '96.

The 6-5 guard began playing basketball with the guidance of his father at age nine. "He taught me my fundamentals," Smith said. He continued playing ball and got his first break in hoops when he was promoted to a starting spot on the varsity as a sophomore in high school.

When the time came for Smith to choose what college to attend, he had offers from the University of Connecticut, Massachusetts, Georgetown and GW. "I chose this school because all those schools have already been well-noticed, but I wanted to be one of the igniters of something big here," Smith said.

On the other hand, the decision for

Payne was simple. He was recruited, came on a visit in his last year and decided this was the place for him.

"I didn't mess around with the process. I saw an opportunity and took it," Payne said. "I remember the day when a GW scout was at the game. My coach told me during the pregame huddle, 'there are scouts in the crowd watching you tonight.'"

This was a surprise for him because his teammates at St. Thomas More prep school were some of the best players in the country, and scouts never came to see him play. On his first day of practice last year, Dean Smith and many other college head coaches were in attendance.

He has been given nicknames such as "House of Payne" or "Action Jackson." "These just made sense with my name," Payne said - a typical low-key response from the 19-year-old guard from Tennessee. His humble character is something every coach dreams about.

Payne's numbers in his one season at St. Thomas More were solid, but they look downright remarkable when considering the talent he had beside him. He averaged 16 points, five rebounds, four assists and shot 56 percent from three-point range, all the while playing with a group that landed four scholarships to national powerhouses. The biggest standout was Eddie Cota, who is a possible starter as a freshman at the University of North Carolina.

Payne's most noteworthy play at St. Thomas More was his almost routine four-point play. He contributed five for the season. "Guys would just run past me when I was shooting and I hit the shot, and got the foul," he said.

Payne played the year at More after four years of high school in Tennessee so he could work on his basketball and grades. In one year of intense basketball and studies, he improved his test scores by 200 points and ended up at GW with a full scholarship.

"I remember one time someone saw me with basketball apparel on the street and they approached me with very slow English, assuming I didn't speak English. I laughed," Payne said.

Payne heads into the year with high expectations. "People don't expect much

from (freshmen), but I demand a lot of myself," he said.

Meanwhile, De Miranda faces entirely different expectations.

"My parents always told me that I should be proud of my height," 6-9 De Miranda said. The big 18-year-old was hard to miss in the town of Breda in the Netherlands. He didn't start playing basketball until 14, because his first love was the sport of his country - soccer. "I was too tall for (soccer) anymore," De Miranda said.

To De Miranda, American basketball is dramatically different than in Europe. "We rely more on offense. Also, we don't have college basketball. We play with professionals after high school. I remember playing in summer leagues with grown men in their 30s," he said.

"He's like any of our freshmen. He's a good, smart player, who has room for improvement," Jarvis said.

His physical ability has held him back a bit in the American basketball thus far. "I have to be patient. My game is going to develop," he said.

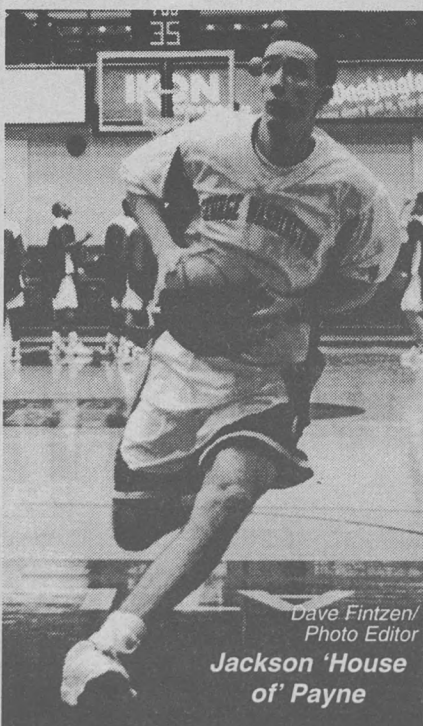
De Miranda first heard of GW when he was reached by assistant coach Scott Beeten by telephone. The adjustment didn't seem that difficult because his English is as good or better than many Americans'.

De Miranda has been banged up a bit, and has yet to practice at full strength, although he's hopeful that he'll be completely healthy by the season's start.

Jarvis is blessed by a bright class of 2000. Even though Ngongba is unable to participate this season, the head coach is drooling over the opportunities that he will bring to GW in the future.

"He's a good kid, got great talent and he's an incredible physical specimen. He had a great chance to start this season, but now he'll just have to wait," Jarvis said.

Whether it's No. 5 in *Lindy's* magazine or No. 15 in *Sports Illustrated's* College Basketball Preview, the men's basketball team is highly regarded this year, and that includes the freshmen. Luckily for GW, when Nov. 22 arrives, Smith, Payne and De Miranda won't hesitate to jump off the bench and contribute when Jarvis calls on them.



Dave Fintzen/
Photo Editor

Jackson 'House of Payne'

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1996-97 Men's Schedule

November

Thu. 14 Global Explorers Exhibition 7:30 p.m.
Fri.-Sat. 22-23 Red Auerbach Colonial Classic
Fri. 22 Boston Univ. vs. Florida A&M 6:30 p.m.
Fri. 22 GW vs. Holy Cross 8:30 p.m.
Sat. 23 Consolation 6 p.m.
Sat. 23 Championship 8 p.m.
Tue. 26 South Florida 7:30 p.m.
Sat. 30 Texas Tech 9:30 p.m.

December

Mon. 2 at American 9 p.m.
Sun.-Mon. 8-9 Franklin National Bank Classic
(at USAir Arena)
Sun. 8 California vs. Maryland 1:30 p.m.
Sun. 8 GW vs. Mississippi State 4 p.m.
Mon. 9 Consolation 6 p.m.
Mon. 9 Championship 8:30 p.m.
Wed. 11 at Kansas 9:30 p.m.
Mon. 30 at UNC Charlotte 7:35 p.m.

January

Sat. 4 Fordham 2 p.m.
Mon. 6 at St. Bonaventure 7:35 p.m.
Sat. 11 at Duquesne 2 p.m.
Wed. 15 St. Joseph's 7:30 p.m.
Sat. 18 at Dayton 7:30 p.m.
Thu. 23 Xavier 8 p.m.
Sat. 25 La Salle 2 p.m.
Thu. 30 Massachusetts 7:30 p.m.

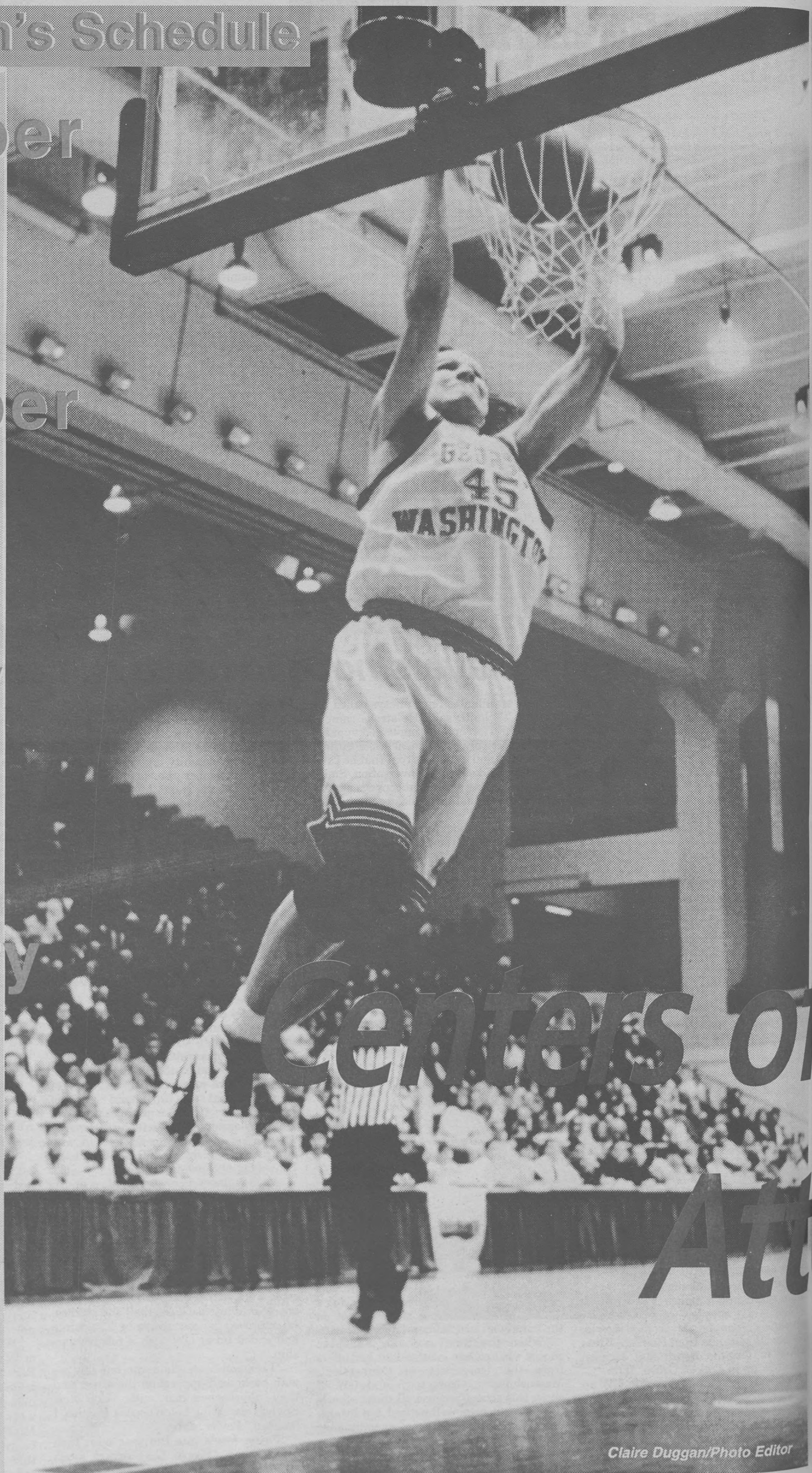
February

Sat. 1 at La Salle 8 p.m.
Tue. 4 at Virginia Tech 9:30 p.m.
Tue. 11 Old Dominion 7:30 p.m.
Sat. 15 at Xavier 12 p.m.
Mon. 17 Duquesne 7:30 p.m.
Thu. 20 Virginia Tech 7:30 p.m.
Sat. 22 at Temple 12 p.m.
Wed. 26 at Rhode Island 7:30 p.m.

March

Sat. 1 Dayton 2 p.m.
Wed.-Sat. 5-8 Atlantic 10 Championship
Tournament (at the CoreStates Spectrum) TBA

Home games (in bold) at the Smith Center



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1996-97 Women's Schedule

November

Fri. 15 at Old Dominion 7:35 p.m.
Fri. 22 Maine 3:30 p.m.

December

Mon. 2 at George Mason 7:30 p.m.
Sat. 7 at Penn State 7:30 p.m.
Thu. 19 UCLA 7 p.m.
Sat. 21 Harvard 2 p.m.
Sat.-Sun. 28-29 Big Four Classic
(at Greensboro, N.C.)
Sat. 28 vs. N.C. State 2 p.m.
Sun. 29 vs. Duke 12 p.m.

January

Sat. 4 Princeton 12 p.m.
Mon. 6 Virginia Tech 7 p.m.
Fri. 10 at St. Joseph's 7:05 p.m.
Sun. 12 Temple 2 p.m.
Thu. 16 at Dayton 7 p.m.
Sat. 18 at Xavier 4 p.m.
Tue. 21 at Virginia Tech 7 p.m.
Thu. 23 Duquesne 5 p.m.
Sat. 25 La Salle 4:30 p.m.
Wed. 29 Rhode Island 7 p.m.

February

Sun. 2 at Massachusetts 2 p.m.
Tue. 4 St. Bonaventure 7 p.m.
Sat. 8 W. Kentucky 2 p.m.
Mon. 10 at Fordham 7 p.m.
Thu. 13 Xavier 7 p.m.
Sat. 15 Dayton 7 p.m.
Mon. 17 Georgetown 5 p.m.
Thu. 20 at La Salle 7 p.m.
Sat. 22 at Duquesne 7:30 p.m.
Tue.-Thu. 25-27 A-10 Tournament TBA

March

Sun.-Mon. 2-3 A-10 Tournament TBA

Home games (in bold) at the Smith Center

Jarvis sets simple goals for Colonials

BY MATT BONESTEEL
SPORTS EDITOR

Another tough practice is winding down for the GW men's basketball team. Most of the players are either cooling off or shooting free throws at one of the six baskets set up around the Smith Center. Assistant coaches Scott Beeten, Kevin Clark and Brian Blaney prowl the court, offering assistance to various players.

At the end of the court stands head coach Mike Jarvis.

At first glance, Jarvis seems oblivious that a practice is even taking place. He is holding court with the various guests who have shown up to practice, chatting idly with them while his players work on their fundamentals. Jarvis doesn't seem to care.

And then, through the group of people assembled around Jarvis, a stentorian voice booms out over the court. "Make those free throws!" Jarvis shouts. "Keep the left hand up, Sasha!" he adds. Through all the commotion of after-practice visitors, Jarvis really is paying attention.

It is part of his style that makes Jarvis able to relax with guests after practice. Jarvis exudes confidence, not the kind that involves chest-thumping or bragging trash talk, but a quiet, sly confidence.

After almost 30 years of coaching at the high school and college level, Jarvis

has earned the right to be sure of himself. From 1978-85, he coached at Cambridge Rindge and Latin High School in Massachusetts, attaining a 143-21 record while winning three state championships.

From there he went to Boston University, where he became the school's all-time winningest coach while leading the Terriers to two NCAA Tournament appearances in five seasons.

His work in Boston finished, Jarvis headed to GW in 1990 and turned a perennial cellar-dweller into a contender. Three NCAA Tournaments later, the Colonials are a team on the rise. Yet Jarvis says postseason accomplishments are not the sole reason he is in the coaching business.

"The greatest satisfaction that I get from coaching, whether it be this team or any team, is to see players ... get better each day, little by little," Jarvis said.

Today, GW stands in a precarious position. Various pre-season polls have the team ranked anywhere between No. 5 (*Lindy's*) to No. 25 (*The Sporting News*). Never before has so much attention been focused on the Colonials.

Jarvis sees this hype as good for his team, saying it has affected his players "in a very positive way. The guys are working even harder than they usually are, which is pretty hard." Despite all the hoopla, Jarvis' goals for his team remain the same. "(My goals) are the same as

they always are: To try and get better every day, and to try to be the best we can be in March," he said.

The Colonials had a rocky March last season. After finishing the year with a 21-8 record, GW lost to Massachusetts in the Atlantic 10 Conference semifinals and to Iowa in the first round of the NCAA Tournament. In the Iowa loss the Colonials surrendered a 17-point second half lead, losing 81-79. One would think some feeling of unfulfillment would be harbored by the coach. But this is not the case for Jarvis, ever the optimist.

"Whenever you play your last game, there's always the feeling that you would have liked to play more," Jarvis said. "When the season ends, a new season begins, so you don't dwell on what's gone, you prepare for what's ahead."

Jarvis' future at GW is set for now. He recently signed a three-year contract extension that will keep him here through the 1998-99 season. After that, anything is possible, including a job in the NBA. In the summer of 1995, Jarvis interviewed for the Boston Celtics' head coaching job. The Celtics were Jarvis' favorite team of his youth, and the opportunity must be tantalizing to him.

"I don't know if (the Celtics) could pay me enough money," Jarvis said jokingly, adding he "will worry about that when the time comes."

But for now, Jarvis has become an



Dave Fintzen/Photo Editor
Mike Jarvis

institution at GW, and all basketball success and prestige the team now has rests solely in his shoes. And Jarvis is proud of the tradition he has built.

"We've come a mighty long way, and I think our ranking this year is a reflection of that," Jarvis said. "It's been great. It has been a wonderful experience, and one that I've enjoyed quite a lot. Not everyday, but most of the time it's been very good."

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Walk-on comes up big in exhibition

BY DAVE MANN
HATCHET SPORTS WRITER

When Sam Anyan stepped onto the Smith Center floor in the GW men's basketball team's exhibition with Court Authority Friday night, the 2,138 fans witnessed an end and a beginning.

When he entered the game, Anyan, a freshman who beat the odds by making the team as a walk-on, ended his long quest to play for a Division I college team, a goal many said he would never achieve.

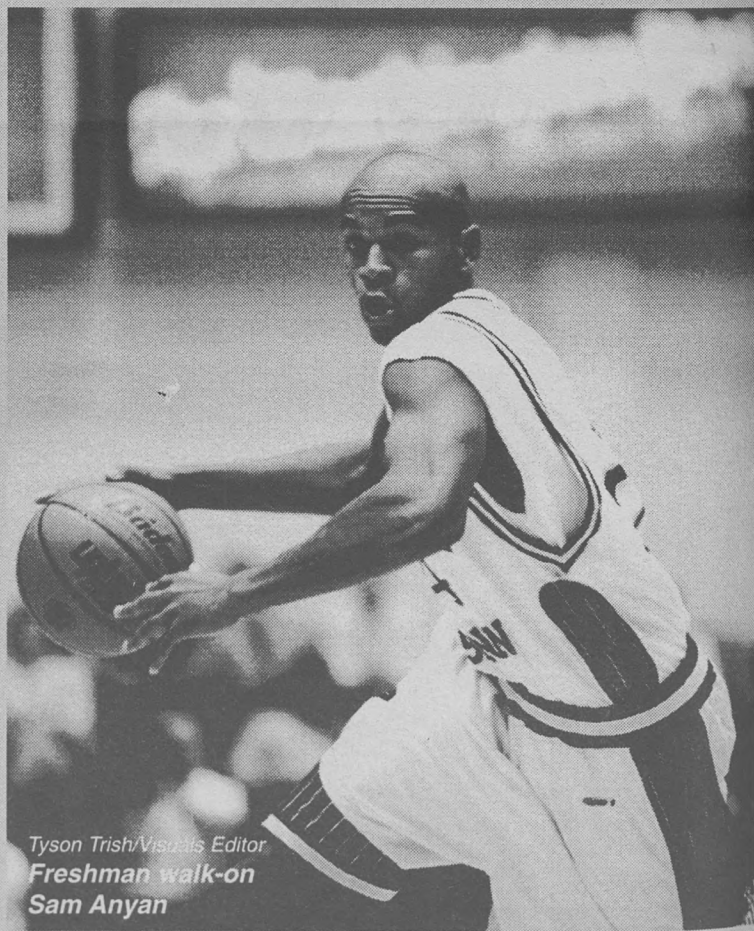
At the same time, Anyan began what could be a promising career at GW with an impressive first performance. In 20 minutes of work, Anyan made five of eight shots and scored 11 points to go along with six rebounds, two assists and no turnovers.

The statistics only tell half of the story, however, as head coach Mike Jarvis left Anyan in the game in the closing minutes of regulation and the entire overtime period, in which the freshman walk-on scored two key baskets in GW's 88-86 win.

"I just worked hard and tried to calm my jitters," Anyan said of his college basketball debut. "After I played a few minutes, my nerves calmed. I just tried to make sure I knew what defense we were in and what offensive set we were running. The more minutes I played, the more confidence I got."

"I think we found another kid who can play tonight and that would be Sam Anyan," Jarvis said after the game. "It's good to see the young walk-on play well and make some big baskets."

Anyan went to Calvert Hall High School in Baltimore, the same school that highly touted GW recruit Patrick Ngongba



Tyson Trish/Visuals Editor
Freshman walk-on
Sam Anyan

attended. Ironically, it will be Anyan who will see more playing time this season, since Ngongba is academically ineligible to play this year.

Reaching his goal of playing for a big-time college program was not easy for Anyan.

"People were always telling me I couldn't do it and I'd never make it. I just worked hard every day and had confidence in myself," Anyan said. "I passed up opportunities to play at lower levels, like Division II and Division III, because I believed I could play on this level."

To walk on and make the team, however, Anyan had to convince a few other people that he could compete in a big Division I program.

"It was a one-day walk-on try-out, and the next day I was invited to practice with the team and was on a day-to-day evaluation," Anyan said.

Anyan said his next personal goal is to earn an athletic scholarship, which may seem unlikely to some. But those who were at the Smith Center Friday night know not to underestimate Sam Anyan.

Colonial Women come to GW from all reaches of the globe

BY JAMIE LIN
HATCHET SPORTS WRITER

Just like any other college students, Mia Chiparus, Noelia Gomez and Vesna Perak suffer from homesickness and crave their mother's home cooking. Just like any other athletes, they need to skillfully juggle their schoolwork with athletics and a social life.

But unlike most of their teammates on the GW women's basketball team, these international athletes need to overcome language and cultural barriers, too.

Not just anyone is willing to be uprooted from a place they've called home nearly their whole lives and move to a foreign place where everything is so different. Leaving the comfort and security of family and friends takes a lot of courage and determination. So not only are Chiparus, Gomez and Perak truly remarkable athletes, they are truly remarkable human beings as well.

Gomez, the newest arrival to the United States of the group, is a junior transfer student from Madrid, Spain. After studying economics for two years at home, she is taking a hiatus to play hoops and study marketing at GW.

"In the beginning, the hours were different, meals were different, the schedule of the day was different, the language,

the people, everything," Gomez said.

But what Gomez misses most are her family and friends, although playing basketball has actually helped her in a way. "Everybody has moments where they are really homesick, but I don't have time to think about home. I'm so busy playing basketball I don't have time to think about it," she said.

The style of basketball in Spain is much slower than in the United States. "We play the ball more and have less fast breaks (in Spain)," Gomez said.

Proper techniques in this new style of play have been tough for Gomez to learn because of the language barrier. "Sometimes I don't know what they are saying and my techniques are different," Gomez said.

And at 22 years of age, she has already developed her own unique playing style, which is hard to change.

Chiparus and Perak, both sophomores, have already been at GW for a year. They have had more time to grow and adapt, but of course things are still different.

Chiparus, a native of Botosani, Romania, played for her home country's national team and would like to play professionally in Germany. She has had extended basketball experience in this nation as well. She spent her senior year

in high school as an exchange student at Gar-Field High School in Woodbridge, Va., where she honed her basketball skills.

"Here (in America), it is more individual and everybody cares more for themselves," she said. "It's quicker and faster, of course, and

in terms of weight-lifting and stuff like that, we never did that in Europe. We just ran."

When she's not pumping iron, Chiparus needs to devote her time to her studies. "It's really hard, especially with the language difference. It takes us more time than a regular American student to study. The material is not so hard, but it's just hard because of our language difference," Chiparus said.

This makes her time precious and leaves her with little time for a social life off the court. "We're always busy practicing so we don't have time for our own life," she said. "Other students that go here have time to go out and spend a little time with themselves."

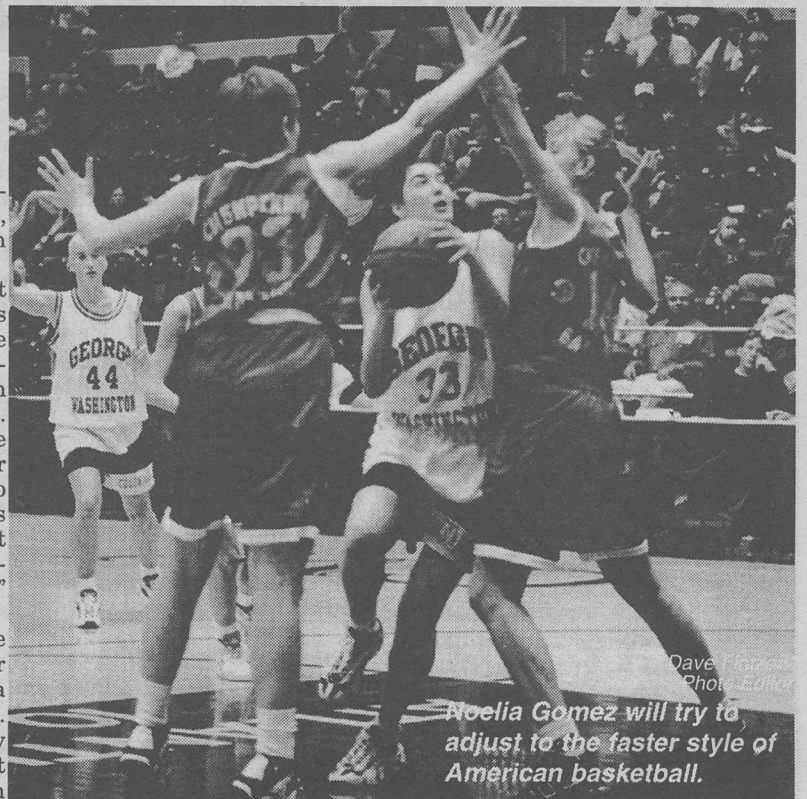
But like all the other students, she does have to eat. "I'm used to the food now (since) it's my third year here," Chiparus said.

While Chiparus seems to be adjusting and making the food situation bearable, Perak seems to be having a tougher time without her mother.

"My mom used to cook all day long, and this is the first time I have to cook by myself," she said. "I think the restaurant food is much different, and I don't like restaurant food anyway. Because my mom used to cook all the time, I didn't have any reason to go to the restaurant, and now if I want a good meal I have to go there."

Food is not the only difference that the Yugoslavian native has noticed. "There are a lot of differences in the sense that here everything is so serious and we have a lot of obligations," Perak said.

Perak definitely does feel a lot of stress, especially when you factor in academics. "When I have basketball and all day and all night I have to study, I feel like I am under extreme pressure," she said. "School is ... just so much different than in my country. It is so much easier than in Europe, but the only problem that



Noelia Gomez will try to adjust to the faster style of American basketball.

we have here is the language. I have to have a tutor (to help with the language)."

Despite the hard work, Perak knows it was her choice to come here, and she is still having plenty of fun. "It's nice for different cultures. Even the holidays are different - we never had Thanksgiving or Halloween in my country," Perak said.

Perak's post-graduation plans are still unclear, although basketball is still a possibility. She also said many opportunities in life may come her way. Ideally, Perak said she wants to take up residence in a country such as Spain or France, which would be a combination of the United States and Yugoslavia.

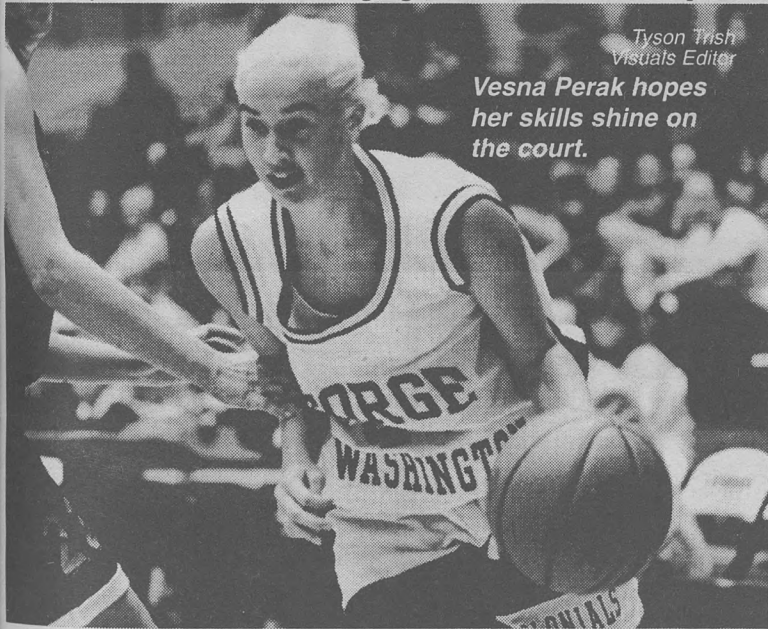
"I don't know if I want to play basketball more, maybe one year in Europe ... If I get sick of it I'll just take a year off and stay at home doing nothing, just relaxing and getting out of all the stress I have here."

The future is still a long way ahead, and now Gomez, Chiparus and Perak have to focus on blooming during the upcoming season. Their goals are definitely clear in that they want to put forth their best effort to help the team reach the Final Four.

"I think we are going to do really well. It's still a really young team and I know we practice really hard," Chiparus said. "I just wish for the best."

Tyson Trish
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Vesna Perak hopes her skills shine on the court.



McKeown looks to seniors to lead way to NCAAs "You can throw anything

BY DUSTIN GOUKER
HATCHET SPORTS WRITER

Whenever any team is expected to do well, the heart of the squad usually has a core of experienced seniors.

This is what the 1996-97 GW women's basketball team is banking on this year with three of the most talented seniors in school history. Tajama Abraham, Lisa Cermignano and Colleen McCrea are looking to lead the Colonial Women to their third consecutive Atlantic 10 championship and to their sixth NCAA Tournament appearance in the past seven years.

Head coach Joe McKeown has great reason to think these are attainable goals for this year's squad.

"TJ, Lisa and Colleen understand how to win, and I think the main thing they give us is a presence," McKeown said. "When you walk on the floor, and you have Lisa Cermignano on your team, you feel like you have a great chance to win the game. And obviously TJ is one of the dominant players in the country."

The focus of this year's team is undoubtedly 6-3 forward Abraham, the seventh-leading scorer and sixth-leading

rebounder in school history coming into this season. Abraham nearly averaged a double-double last year with 19.5 points and 9.3 rebounds a game.

All of these statistics and Abraham's multi-faceted game have led to a great deal of preseason recognition for the star forward, who was selected as a candidate for the Naismith Player of the Year and as a member of *Street & Smith's* all-American team. Despite all of the attention, Abraham seems to be focused on the season ahead.

"I just know that if my team is going to play another team, and we don't come to play harder, we're not going to win," Abraham said. "All the wonderful accolades aren't going to help us."

GW fans got a little taste of what Abraham may accomplish this season at the Colonial Women's exhibition game against Club Dinamo of Russia. She dominated the low post and the backboards in GW's victory, scoring 25 points and pulling down 11 rebounds. GW also got a peek at what its opponents may try to do to stop Abraham, as Dinamo played her physically, double- and triple-teaming her when the need arose.

"I have to be aware of (the double

team), communicate with my other players and get a lot of ball movement," Abraham said. "I don't think it's something that's going to shut me down, or the team."

Just as dangerous in many coaches' eyes is Cermignano, one of the most deadly three-point shooters in the nation. Cermignano is coming off a season in which she drained a school-record 82 threes, vaulting her to second on the school's all-time list. But long-distance shooting is not the only reason to fear Cermignano.

"She is such a great all-around player," McKeown said. "She sees the court, she anticipates, she sees things happening before they happen. She's probably the most underrated player in the conference."

While Cermignano is obviously an outstanding shooter, she also is a great passer and one of the school's career assist leaders, so don't expect her to sit placidly behind the three-point line.

"I'd like to be an all-around player, but I also like to shoot threes," Cermignano said.

A number of preseason publications have ranked this year's GW squad in their

top 25 polls. One poll has the team as high as 11th. And just as the media has high expectations for the Colonial Women, the seniors have many goals and expectations for this season, some of which might be lofty for a lesser basketball team.

"I really want to get the Final Four," said Abraham, who also wants to go through A-10 play without a loss. These goals are within reach for GW this year, according to McKeown, because the seniors have the credentials to back up their confidence.

"(The seniors) are so used to playing in big games," McKeown said. "They have played in three NCAA Tournaments and three conference championship games. They've played against the No. 1 team in the country and on national TV. You can throw anything at them, and it's not going to faze them. That's why I'm so excited about this team."

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— head coach Joe
McKeown

'Classic big man' ready for action

(from p. 4)

Constantly smiling, Koul usually can be seen with books in hand on his way to class, another place he smoothly fits in. An exercise science major, Koul maintains a GPA over 3.0, and earned a spot on the A-10's academic all-conference team last season.

Koul's accolades would be impressive were he an American student-athlete, but they look even better when you consider his background. Koul grew up in the former Soviet republic of Belarus. Not exactly a basketball hotbed, Belarus selected Koul for a special school for athletes in Minsk, where he lived and played starting at age 14.

"That is where I really learned the game," Koul said. "My town did not have a team or anything, so I wasn't really exposed to basketball until I was asked if I wanted to work on it seriously, which I did."

After four years and a lot of traveling with the equivalent of a U.S. prep-school team, Koul spent a year as a student at the Republic College of Olympic Reserve, and also played for his country's national team. When the national team went on a tour of the United States in the fall of 1993 and played many Division I college teams, Koul was exposed to American basketball. Perhaps more importantly, American basketball coaches were exposed to Koul.

GW was one of a handful of schools to express interest in Koul, and he was interested in playing in America and in getting an education. "After playing in European tournaments, I had received many offers to play professionally in Europe, but I liked the idea of coming here and getting to go to college," Koul said.

When then-sophomore Yinka Dare declared himself eligible for the draft in 1994, GW was left with a gaping hole in the middle, so Koul arrived that fall with the position more or less his. At that point, it was the off-court adjustments that Koul had to make.

"It was very hard in class my first year," Koul said recently, speaking near-perfect English. "Andrei (fellow Belorussian player Sviridov) and I had to go around with an interpreter all the time."

There were other adjustments as well, but Koul at least had the experience of being away from home for his high school years as well. He also had support from his home in rural Belarus. "When I told my father I was coming to GW he said to me 'I cannot tell you what to do. You already are living a lifestyle better than what I live.'"

Besides, Koul has been part of a parade of Belorussians to GW during the past three years. After he and Sviridov came in '94, former teammates of theirs in Belarus, Andrei Krivonos and Yegor Mescheriakov, came last season. Then, this fall, Koul's wife of two years came to Washington, and he lives with her this year.

Mescheriakov sees good and bad things in the numbers of his countrymen at GW. "It is very nice for us all to have friends of ours here, but we only speak Russian to each other and I think that hurts our English very much," he said.

Koul seems to have all the pieces in place for a brilliant junior season, which can be one more step on Jarvis' progression ladder. It's possible that it will be his last year, as NBA scouts and general managers are sure to be salivating over Koul for his on-court skills, and Koul will be turning down millions of dollars if he stays at GW for a senior year.

For now, the modest Koul is planning on staying for his senior year. He said he has had only "one short discussion" about turning pro, and that was with Jarvis — quite a refreshing change in a time

when many freshman players are calling around to see when they'll get drafted.

GW sports information director Brad Bower points out that Koul is far from caught up in the hoopla surrounding him this year. "Sasha's temperament is such that he handles it all well. He's just an easy-going, nice guy."

Assuming he stays healthy, whether Koul leaves after this year or next won't change one fact — he's going to be a rich man. "I would like to take care of my family and then buy a few houses for myself," Koul said. "Thanks to basketball, I have been able to travel to many different cities in Europe and some in the U.S., and I cannot see myself setting up in one place. I want the lifestyle where I can move around."

An interesting answer from an interesting player — and person.

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Colonials need overtime to defeat Court Authority, 88-86

BY MATT BONESTEEL
SPORTS EDITOR

Coming into Friday night's exhibition game with Court Authority, few expected that the GW men's basketball team, which has received many preseason accolades, would have trouble with a team composed of aging former collegiate players.

Many thought GW's young squad would run circles around a team that resembled a YMCA rec-league qualifier.

But this was not the case, as the Colonials needed overtime to dispatch Court Authority 88-86, before 2,138 at the Smith Center.

"This is why they're called exhibitions," GW head coach Mike Jarvis said.

With heralded GW center Alexander Koul having an off-night and a Colonial offense that was not in sync, it was up to forward Yegor Mescheriakov and freshman walk-on Sam Anyan to pick up the slack.

Both carried GW in the extra period. Mescheriakov hit a key three-pointer with 36 seconds left to give the Colonials an insurmountable 87-83 lead. Anyan made two lay-ups at the beginning of overtime that again gave GW the lead after a tip-in by Chris McNeil had given Court Authority a 78-77 lead with 4:10 to go.

Mescheriakov led all scorers with 27 points on 11-16 shooting. He also pulled down seven rebounds. He effectively became GW's center after Koul fouled out with 4:41 left in regulation. Backup center Ferdinand Williams sat out the game with an injury.

"Yegor is beginning to become the player we all thought he could be," Jarvis said. "He hit some big shots for us."

Mescheriakov said that during the off-season he "started to realize how to shoot. I learned how to be less nervous."

Anyan finished the game with 11 points and six rebounds.

"You never expect a walk-on, who is playing his first game in college, a kid who wasn't a starter in high school, to play

well," Jarvis said. "It was kind of nice. It was much-needed tonight."

The first half started out with Court Authority in command. Warren Peebles converted a steal into a lay-up basket to give his team a 27-17 lead with 7:32 to go in the half. But the Colonials went on a furious 23-4 run and ended the half up 40-31.

Court Authority came out firing to open the second half with an 11-2 run that tied the game at 42 with 17:52 remaining. The lead swung back and forth for the rest of the half.

GW point guard Shawnta Rogers, who finished with 13 points and eight assists, had a chance to win the game for the Colonials at the end of regulation, but several Court Authority players clogged the lane, and the second half ended with Rogers on the floor and the game knotted at 76.

"He was fouled," Jarvis said of the final play. "But the referee made the correct call in that situation, and that was he didn't make the call."

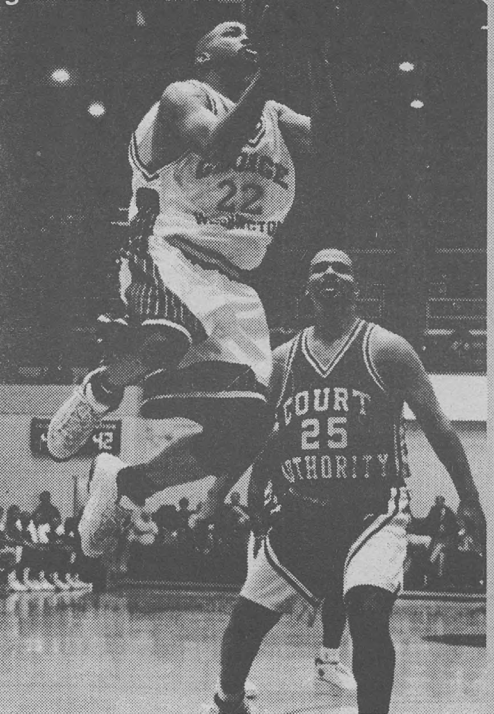
Koul never got into a rhythm as the Court Authority combination of McNeil and Dan Plondke harassed him all night. Koul finished with nine points and seven rebounds but was never an imposing presence down low.

"(Koul) hasn't played a full-fledged game in a lot of months now, and it's always different when you are playing against bigger, older players who know how to play and know how to use their bodies," Jarvis said. "It's going to make him a better player."

The Colonials have a history of trouble with Court Authority. Last season, GW overcame an eight-point halftime deficit to win 69-66. Mescheriakov also was the top scorer in that game with 21 points.

Next up for the Colonials is their final preseason game against Global Explorers Thursday night. Tip-off at the Smith Center is at 7:30 p.m.

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GW's starting off-guard Darin Green



GW women cruise in opener

BY BEN OSBORNE
SPORTS EDITOR

A year ago, the GW women's basketball team looked lost when it opened its season with a 75-57 defeat at the hands of a Russian club team. The Colonial Women were trying to adjust to life without Debbie Hemery and Darlene Saar, and it showed in their play.

What a difference a year makes.

Saturday night an experienced GW team cruised past the Russian club team Dinamo of Novosibirsk, 78-63, showing poise and tremendous talent throughout the game.

GW also displayed the one basketball attribute that cannot be taught — size. 6-2 senior center Tajama Abraham led GW in scoring and rebounding with 25 points and 11 boards. She was ably assisted inside by 6-3 forward Noelia Gomez (10 points, seven rebounds), 6-2 forward Mandisa Turner (4, 2), 6-3 forward Mia Chiparus (8, 3) and huge 6-6 freshman Dee Brown, who scored four points and grabbed five rebounds in just 12 minutes.

Led by its imposing frontline, GW out-rebounded Dinamo 42-35 and kept control throughout the game. Head coach Joe McKeown said he was pleased with what he saw. "Tonight was good just to see where people are at this stage," he said. "We have a lot of depth in the frontcourt, which is going to help us all year."

GW was up 34-24 at the half and had to survive just one threat in the second half before walking away with a comfortable victory. After Dinamo's Eugenia Simonova scored on a lay-up with 16:13 left to cut the lead to 36-35, Abraham hit a sweet left-handed shot inside and the lead was never cut to one again.

Then, with 13:35 left, senior Lisa Cermignano hit a three-pointer from well behind the line for a 45-38 GW lead, and Dinamo started to get frustrated. The Russians picked up two technical fouls in the next eight minutes, and when Gomez scored to give GW a 55-44 lead with 8:56 left, Dinamo was within 10 points for the last time.

"The goal wasn't necessarily to win or to see how many points we could put up, but it was nice to see the team work well together," McKeown said. "I think they were tired of just practicing and it was nice for them to beat up someone on a different team."

While the team's size advantage

may have stood out Saturday night, the Colonial Women have a player at the opposite end of the height scale who opened some eyes as well. 5-7 freshman Marlo Egleston started at point guard for the injured Colleen McCrea and ran the team with aplomb, collecting five assists while committing no turnovers. Egleston also added seven points and three rebounds while playing 36 minutes.

"The line she had was a coach's dream," McKeown said. "Marlo is going to be a really good player, and what she did tonight was just like she's been doing in practice all along."

McKeown said McCrea, who is out with a sore knee, should be in the starting lineup when GW opens its season Friday, but he expects Egleston to play a lot, too.

The game Friday is in the preseason NIT against Old Dominion, a team predicted by *Preview Sports* magazine to be the national champions, and by every preseason publication to at least be in the nation's top 10. Nonetheless, the Colonial Women are confident.

"I think there's a lot of weapons we have that Old Dominion doesn't know about," Abraham said.

A win against the Lady Monarchs would merely start the season off the way seniors Abraham and Cermignano expect it to. "Our goals are to go undefeated in the A-10 and make it to the Final Four," they both said after their exhibition victory.



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Chasity Myers (l.) chases a loose ball in Saturday's win.

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